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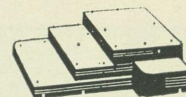


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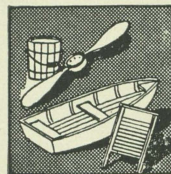
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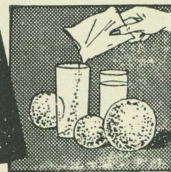
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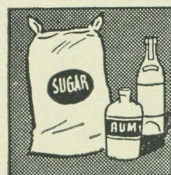
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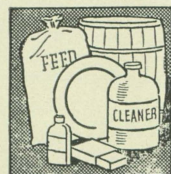
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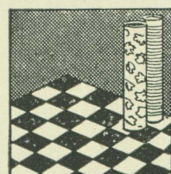
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The Industrial Development Department of Florida Power & Light Co. has prepared abstracts on the industrial possibilities of a number of Florida's raw materials. Copies can be obtained from any local manager or by writing the Industrial Development Department, Florida Power & Light Company, Box 3100, Miami, Florida.



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A good sheriff practices marksmanship and Mrs. Marguerite Baldree, Sheriff of Sumter County, wants to be a good sheriff. She doesn't mind firing a gun, and very few would dare question her keen eyesight.

A gentleman unable to get a hotel room in Oklahoma City applied for a cell in the city jail. He didn't get it—the jail was already full.

The governor of Ohio is sharing his executive mansion with a young couple, in order to help relieve the housing shortage.



Capt. Herndon P. Coloney (CEC) USNR., State highway engineer, receives the Award of the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious service as operations officer in the Ryukyus Campaign from Rear Admiral Frank D. Wagner, USN., in Admiral Wagner's office at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola.



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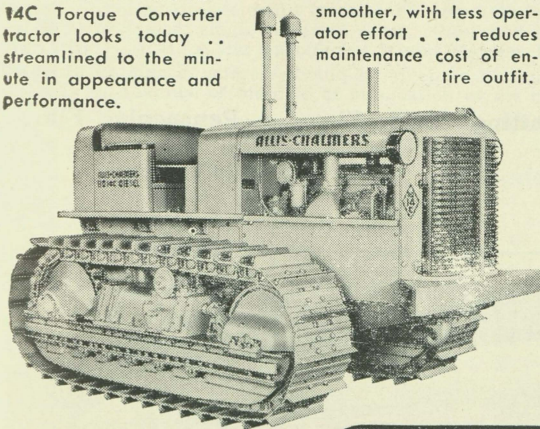
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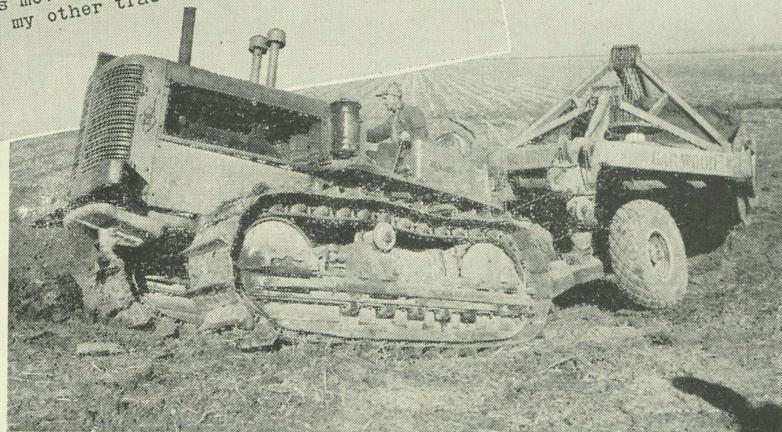
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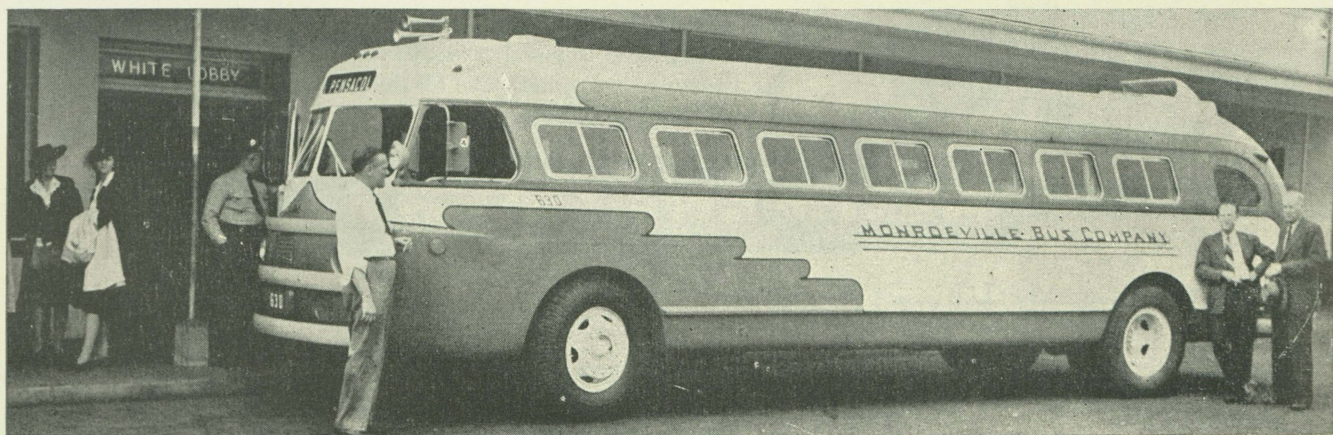
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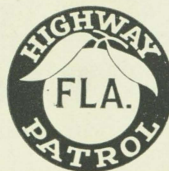
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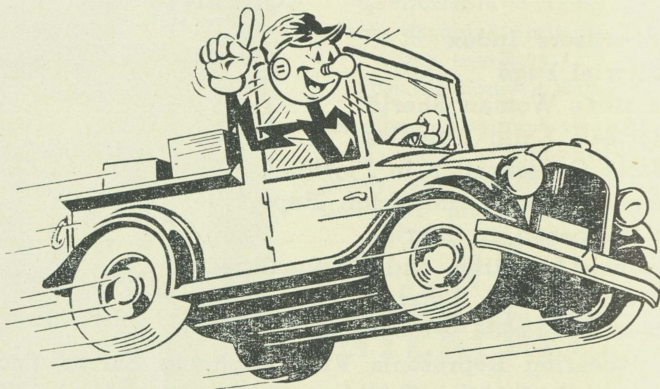
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EDITORIALS

Florida Leads In Southern Progress

NORTH CAROLINA has probably made more industrial progress in recent decades than any other Southern State. Georgia has recently attracted much attention by the activities of its State government in several important fields. Kentucky is waking up and has recently been described in a national magazine as on the verge of a revolution in governmental service. What about Florida?

A check of the progress in Florida will reveal that our State has forged ahead with the best of them. We do not have as much industry as North Carolina but we have more industry every year and the development of our citrus and tourist businesses has been phenomenal. We have had less national publicity than Georgia but we have done as much or more to improve education, health and welfare.

Florida is still smaller than Georgia or North Carolina but is growing more rapidly than either of them. In some respects North Carolina exceeds Florida in total expenditures for essential services but, when the figures are translated into per capita terms, it is revealed that we are wisely investing as much or more than North Carolina for nearly all sound governmental objectives.

Consider what we have been accomplishing in Florida in recent years: We have at last put our public schools on a sound financial basis; we have extended our public health service to all counties; we have stepped up old age assistance to the maximum of matching Federal aid; we are repairing and expanding our custodial institutions into what will be modern and humane facilities; we are giving attention to our school buildings, courthouses, jails and State office buildings; we are preparing to spend many millions of dollars on our highway system which already compares favorably with those of most Southern States. In these and in other respects Florida is revealed at the forefront of Southern progress.

Our State is entitled to more national recognition for these accomplishments and for the programs now underway to make additional improvements in our facilities and services.

Employment

UNEMPLOYMENT IS a problem in Florida. The large number of veterans who have returned to the State and who have not found jobs adds to the problem created by the cancellation of war contracts.

The problem of unemployed veterans is probably not much different in Florida than in other States. We trained more than our share of men and women for the services but we sent into the uniformed ranks about as many proportionately to population as most

other areas. True, a number of veterans who trained here have come back to make their homes but this number may not be relatively great.

Florida's general unemployment problem differs more from that of our neighboring States for the simple reason that a higher percentage of our industrial payroll in recent years was in war industry. Since our industrial payroll was less stable we have a greater problem in fitting war workers into peacetime occupations.

Actually there may be job openings for as many as are now unemployed. In many cases the unemployed do not fit the jobs. This is true partly because men and women have not been trained to do the kind of work that is available; for example, there are few opportunities for shipyard welders in peacetime. The reason for unemployment may be unwillingness to accept work at lower pay or under less desirable conditions than was offered during the war. Many of our unemployed, including a high percentage of veterans have no peacetime work experience since they went directly from school into the services or into war work. Those who earned high pay as plane pilots or shipyard workers are looking for highly paid jobs but, unfortunately, many of them have no skills that are in demand.

It would be difficult to find a general solution to this complex problem. The individual may find a solution for himself. It is: Take the best job that is offered and go to work.

Juveniles

THE CONFERENCE called in Tallahassee by Governor Caldwell went deeply into the problem of juvenile delinquency. A large and representative group of interested Floridians brought out recommendations for specific approaches to the problem. Press comment has been uniformly favorable and approving.

It may be concluded that something worthwhile has been started and that some real progress may be anticipated in this field. The first step in reaching any goal is to make a start; that step has been taken in Florida.

The job has not been done but the blue prints have been drawn. Some modifications may be necessary in the plans but at least we have a plan and an announced willingness on the part of Florida leaders to start to work.

Few States are ahead of Florida in taking a realistic, down to earth view of the serious juvenile problem. Again Florida leads the way.

Rube Allyn, Jr., fishing editor of the St. Petersburg Times, has been commissioned by the State Advertising Commission to prepare factual material for use in a feature story to appear in Outdoor Life Magazine.

Sumter's Woman Sheriff . . .

By Hampton Dunn

(Photos by Loretta Kieffer, Tampa)

THE TOAST OF the Florida Sheriff's Association convention in St. Augustine several weeks ago was no big, burly law enforcement officer who had captured a Dillinger, nor a young, handsome traffic cop who had dared to give the governor a ticket.

It was a nice-looking, quiet 44-year-old woman, who in addition to her duties as a mother of three and as a Sunday school teacher, also is full-time sheriff of Sumter County.

Her name is Mrs. Marguerite Baldree and she is filling the unexpired term of her husband, the late Mose W. Baldree, who was killed in a hunting accident last December.

Now, it is not so unusual for the widow of a public official to fill an unexpired term, except in the case of a sheriff. As near as can be determined, Mrs. Baldree is the second woman to have that honor in Florida. At present, she is the only woman sheriff in the State, and that's why she won so much attention at the sessions of the sheriffs' parley.

Everything is fine in Sumter County, thank you, says Mrs. Baldree, who finds her job interesting but not so difficult that a woman cannot handle it. She is getting along so well, she already has announced her intention of running for reelection. Under Florida's new law regarding the filling of public office vacancies, Sumter County will elect a successor to Mr. Baldree in the May primaries for a two-year term.

Sumter is a small, agricultural county in central Florida, and its population consists mainly of settlers who have lived in that section for years. Unlike many Florida communities, it does not go after the tourist trade. It is the crossroads of State highways 22 and 23, but even so, there are few transients.

So any trouble—if there is any—usually comes from home folks. And Mrs. Baldree has found that the Sumter people are just too darn busy these days to get into trouble.

Maybe it is a habit they got into during the war. The communities of Bushnell, Webster, Coleman and Center Hill turned out great quantities of food from their truck farms and citrus groves; while the residents of Wildwood and Oxford worked on the railroad. There has been no letdown since the war ended.

Oh, of course, there are a few "cutting scrapes" among the fellows who come to town on Saturday nights and have a drink or two more than they should. But for the most part, all is quiet. Sumter hasn't had a murder in years.

Time was when moonshiners thrived in Sumter County, but even that business is out these days. The ingredients are hard to get, and besides, there is more money in more legitimate trades.

Mrs. Baldree resides in the county jail, just across the square from as her own jail matron, a job which she held while her husband was

sheriff and for several years before he was elected in 1944, when he was a deputy sheriff.

the courthouse in Bushnell. She keeps house for her three attractive children, Marjorie, 8; M. W. Jr., 6, and Aurelia, 4. She serves

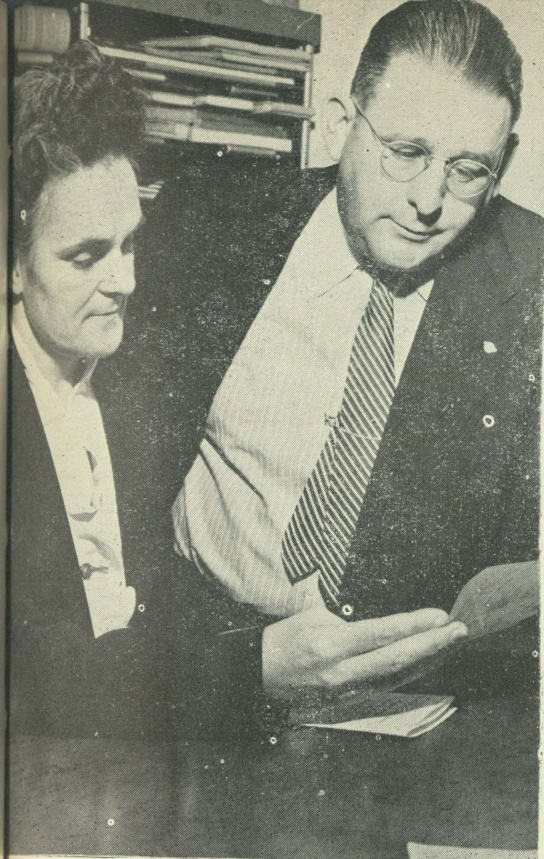
The woman sheriff makes few arrests, but attends to all the administrative details of the office. She relies on her big 276-pound brother, Albert K. Pridgen, chief deputy, to handle disorders and make arrests. Mr. Pridgen was a football star at the University of Florida in his college days, and has just recently been discharged from the army.

Mrs. Baldree occasionally investigates accidents. Sumter is the only county in the State that does not have a full-time State highway patrolman assigned to it.

Although this is her first public office, Mrs. Baldree has worked in various departments of county government for more than 15 years. A native of neighboring Citrus County, she started to work as a bookkeeper at an early age, because her father died and she helped her school-teacher mother rear the rest



Sheriff Baldree with secretary, Miss Louise Smithwick of Webster. Even a sheriff has lots of book work, daily letter writing and administrative duties to perform.



Conference with chief deputy. Mrs. Baldree gives instructions to her brother and chief deputy, Albert K. Prigden, on duties for the day.



A sheriff at home. Whether swearing out a warrant for a criminal, or reading a bedtime story to her 4-year-old daughter, Aurelia, Mrs. Baldree is equally efficient. Aurelia and her dolly like to have the sheriff as a playmate.

of the family, two brothers and a sister.

She worked in the courthouse at Inverness, first as a clerk in the tax collector's office and later became chief deputy in the office of the clerk of circuit court. Her husband was a well-known law en-

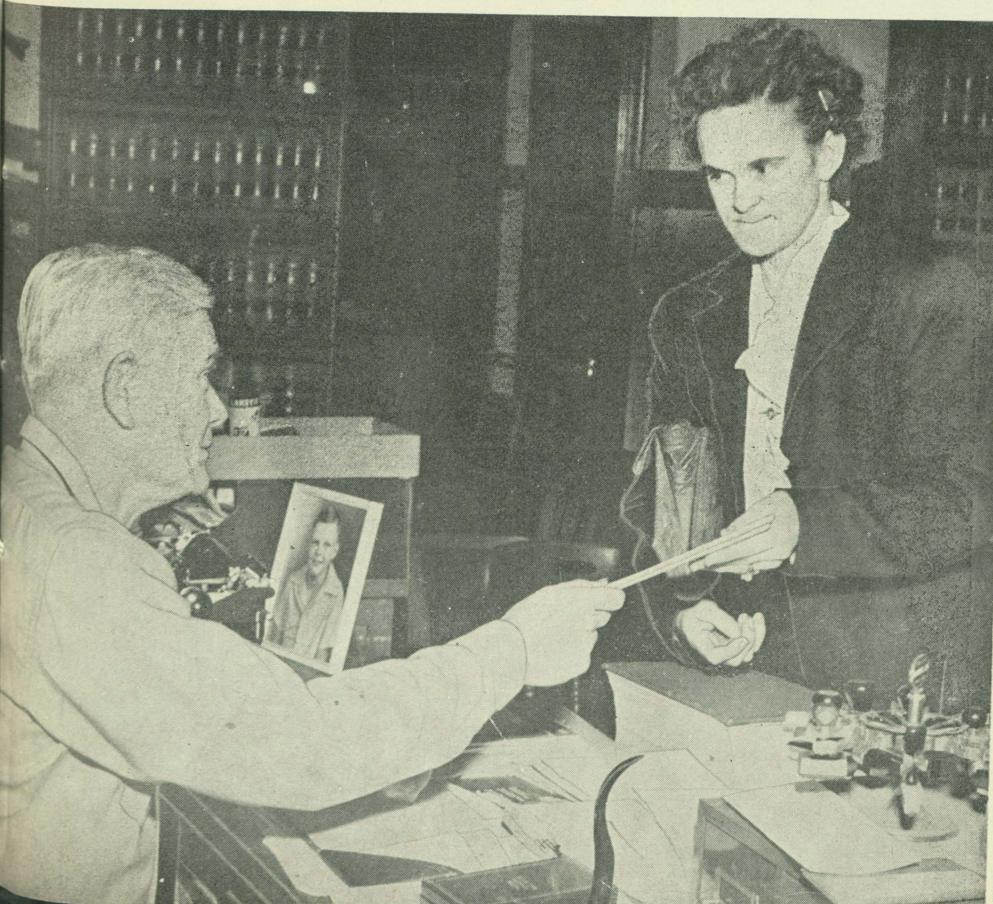
forcement officer for 17 years, serving with the State Game Department, later as deputy sheriff of Citrus County, and as deputy sheriff in Sumter from 1933 until his election.

At the St. Augustine convention,

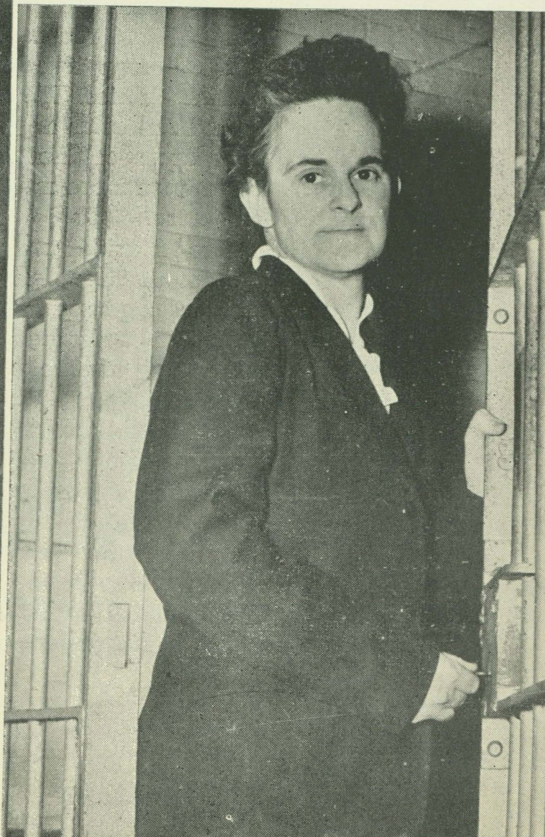
Mrs. Baldree did more listening and less talking, as sheriffs from all the other counties discussed problems of law enforcement in Florida. But all who met her realized she was a business-like efficient sheriff who did not let sex

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Go get 'em, sheriff. White-haired County Judge P. B. Howell issues a warrant to Mrs. Baldree. The woman peace officer means business when she asks for a warrant.



Into the jail corridors go Mrs. Baldree, as she makes inspection of the county lock-up. In one part of this building she maintains an attractive apartment for her three children.



Florida's Latin Colonies . . .

NEW ORLEANS has its French sector, New York has its melting pot of all nationalities, but for pure, unadulterated gayety of old Spain, mixed with the fun-loving enterprising touch of the Americas—Tampa's Latin colonies of Ybor City and West Tampa simply can't be beaten anywhere in the western hemisphere.

Definitely influenced by the old world atmosphere of neighboring Cuba and the Latin American countries, Tampa owes its founding and early development to the Spaniards and Italians and Cubans and other Latin peoples who came, saw and conquered this west coast metropolis and have maintained a leadership through the centuries.

Today, Tampa's old world is taking on new life.

Like many another community, Ybor City and West Tampa had few social functions during the war, and the Latin American people put their shoulders to the wheel to roll to victory. Hundreds of lads, whose parents could hardly speak English, rushed to the army recruiting stations as Pearl Harbor neared, and these Latin fellows, like their comrades, made good soldiers.

Now that peace is here, the Latin-American youths have returned to the familiar sights of Seventh avenue, in Ybor City and Main street, in West Tampa. And recent weeks have seen activity liven throughout the Latin colonies. The fun-loving senors and senioritas are donning the native dress of their parent countries and once more are enjoying colorful fiestas.

Winter visitors to Florida are flocking to the famous Spanish restaurants and are sightseeing among the cigar factories and other interesting features of the old world atmosphere here.

Probably the first Spaniard to walk on the shores of Tampa Bay was Hernando de Soto, but since his time (the 1500s) thousands and thousands of other Latins and people of Latin descent have found Tampa a spot much like their old Spain. The first European govern-

By Hampton Dunn

(Photos by Robertson & Fresh, Tampa)

ment in Florida was Spanish. Its first culture was Spanish and so were its earliest laws.

Tampa was a sleepy fishing village of about 1500 in 1884 when the early cigar industry leaders began a whirlwind expansion program that increased the population to more than 25,000 in the 16 years before the turn of the century.

Gavino Gutierrez, who first visited Tampa in 1884, prospecting for a site for a guava products plant, is credited with having brought the cigar industry here.

After looking for a site, Mr. Gutierrez left for his home in New York via Key West, where he met Ignacio Haya and Vicente Martinez Ybor, cigar manufacturers. These men told him of their intention of moving the cigar industry to Galveston when Mr. Gutierrez invited them to come to Tampa and investigate the possibilities of locating here.

The conditions in this west coast town were found favorable for the

cigar business, but the two manufacturers could not reach an agreement with the Board of Trade. They received offers of valuable property to locate in Jacksonville but turned them down after reconsidering Tampa, finally purchasing property just outside the city limits.

Mr. Gutierrez, a civil engineer, was engaged to lay out a town on the property, and on Oct. 8, 1885 the first tree was felled in the forest which covered the site on which Ybor City stands today. A year later the first two cigar factories opened.

Tampa's development during the early cigar boom was considered even more sensational than during the Florida boom. The early, courageous leaders had little to build from but with pioneer energy rapidly pushed the work of building streets, factories, stores, homes and social clubs.

As the cigar industry grew, the Latin colonies expanded. The people brought their own culture and ideals with them. From novelty it has grown to be accepted commonplace with Tampa's Americans.

Seventh avenue in Ybor City is the center of this lively Latin community in Tampa. Seen at left here is Las Novedadas, one of the leading Spanish restaurants.





This crowd of musicians (top) is not from Cuba, or Mexico, or Spain, but is a group of Tampa Latin-Americans enjoying native fiesta in the Florida west coast metropolis. Senors and senoritas (bottom) in gay native costume form a La Conga line at a Latin club dance.



Viva La Queen! Long live Miss Aurora M. Alvarez, newly elected queen of Tampa's Latin Carnival. Later this year, Miss Alvarez, who was elected queen of the annual carnival early in March, will lead a party of Tampanos to Cuba on a good will mission.

But to the newcomer or visitor, here, it is novel, entertaining, educational.

A cross section of life in the Latin colony is a cross section of life in Cuba or Spain. Many large as well as small businesses here are operated by Latins. In practically every store or business place in Ybor and West Tampa Spanish is spoken as well as English. There are hotels and restaurants operated by Latins, where the meals are typically Spanish. One popular form of entertainment of visiting friends by Tampanos is to take them to these places for yellow rice and chicken, Spanish bean soup and other delicacies. Rubins is a popular downtown restaurant and the Columbia Restaurant and Las Novedadas are leaders on Seventh avenue in Ybor City.

The post-war outlook is bright for the Latin colonies.

The Latin clubs, proud of their unique standing among the country's most successful community centers—face the post-war world with carefully considered plans to provide more benefits and more

entertainment for more members than ever before.

With an average age around the half century mark, the clubs boast memberships in the thousands, huge and beautiful club buildings, one of the most advanced medical benefit programs in the country, and social and educational activities unequalled by most civic clubs.

The four largest Latin clubs—Centro Asturiano, Centro Espanol, Circulo Cubano and the Italian Club—have a combined membership of more than 11,000 plus another 10,000 women and children in their family medical benefit programs.

During the war period, the activities of the clubs were restricted to occasional dances and parties, the usual afternoon dominos and card games, and some continuance of citizenship classes. The medical benefit programs were the only activity which continued in full force. With V-J Day, however, the Latin clubs immediately launched into long-planned post-war programs which call for enlarging the clubs and the memberships and social activities.

The clubs are embarking upon the expansion program with a vigor and enthusiasm backed by a half century of serving thousands of Latin families as a genuine community center. They will continue to be headquarters for anything from a political discussion to a game of gin rummy or the swish of a skirt to the rhythm of maracas.

The first week in March saw one of the most colorful Latin carnivals staged in the 19 years the annual affair has been held. An unusual spell of rain washed out the gay street dances scheduled for Ybor and West Tampa, but it did not dampen the international spirit at the downtown balls in the municipal auditorium.

As two bands played music for rhumba and tango, delegates from at least five Central and South American countries and from Cuba joined in the festivities. From Brazil, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Guatemala and Panama came five beautiful stewardesses of the Pan American Airways, who dazzled the crowds with their brilliant array of native costumes. The mayor

of Habana sent Juan Menendez as the Cuban representative to the annual show.

For the first time in four years, the carnival had a new queen, Miss Latin American XI. She is dark-eyed Miss Aurora M. Alvarez, 23-year-old MacDill Field secretary.

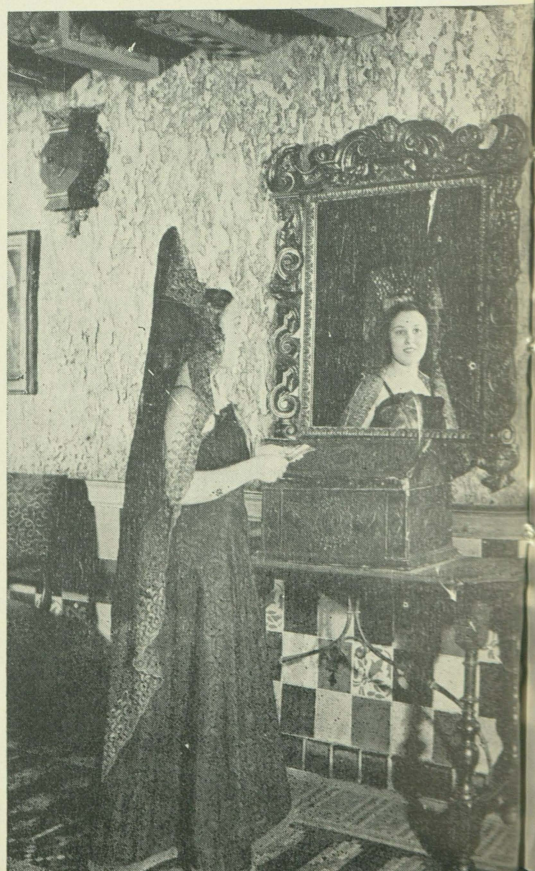
Like her predecessor, Miss Evelyn Fernandez, the new queen will go on a good will trip to Cuba next fall in the interest of Pan-American relations. Miss Fernandez created a sensation in Havana, where she spoke on the radio, to the Lions Club and other public meetings in Spanish. The people of Cuba look forward each year to a visit from their Tampa friends.

Meantime, as the social clubs plan their activities, the Ybor City and West Tampa Chambers of Commerce plan community projects.

The Ybor Chamber is looking forward to holding the first national outboard boat regatta in Tampa Bay off 22nd street causeway this spring. Entries from boat owners and numerous inquiries already have been received since the first boat races were held at this spot in January and attracted more than 5,000 spectators. For the national event, the chamber, headed

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A typical Latin beauty, wearing a gorgeous mantilla which keynotes her native costume, is seen here admiring an old Spanish treasure chest in the Columbia Restaurant in Ybor City.



Water Conservation In Florida . . .

WHEN HISTORIANS record for posterity the American story of the past fifty years, most thinkers are agreed that it will be characterized as a period of amazing technological achievements and industrial development. The tremendous productivity made possible by these developments represents one of America's major contributions toward the winning of World War I and World War II. It stands as a record of accomplishment which has never been equalled. It is extremely difficult, therefore, to understand the complacent attitude toward the conservation of vital and essential natural resources without which this amazing record would have been impossible. It is, of course, an outgrowth of the fact that the people of the United States were long fortunate in having an extensible frontier beyond which there were vast virgin resources to which there seemed no limit.

But while these frontiers were still expanding scientists were becoming conscious of the existence of definite limits to these vast resources and of the necessity for conserving them. By 1908 this sentiment had advanced to the point where President Theodore Roosevelt called a White House Conference which resulted in the formation of a National Conservation Commission. Congress was so completely unmindful of the importance of the new movement that it not only refused the commission a modest appropriation of \$25,000 but went further and prohibited the various scientific bureaus of the Federal government to do work for the commission.

Despite this set-back, the movement for conservation gained momentum, particularly with respect to soil and forest resources. Men could observe great areas being denuded of virgin timber and could understand that the supply was not inexhaustible. Farmers could observe the loss of their soil by erosion and began to experience steadily decreasing yields from overcropping and failure to follow

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proper soil management practices.

The depletion of our vital and unreplaceable fuel and mineral resources has not been as easy to observe and to evaluate. As the most easily worked deposits have become exhausted, geologists and mining engineers, employing scientific instruments of ever increasing accuracy and sensitivity, have located others and the result has been that the exhaustion rate of our mineral resources is continuously accelerating. It has proceeded to a point where we are told that the United States is in a critical situation with respect to at least 17 vital minerals and metals.

Water is one of the three essentials of human life. It has always been regarded as one of the basic natural resources necessary to man's economic development. Every State in the Union and most foreign countries have laws governing the conservation of water or the regulation of its uses. The problem has been approached in many different ways and with varying degrees of success. In considering the problem of water conservation in Florida, it will be of interest to briefly review the basic facts and principles which are involved and which must be taken into consideration if an adequate approach to the problem is to be made and any significant degree of success is to be achieved.

When our forefathers came to America they found a virgin country, green with primeval forests, abounding in natural resources of every kind and practically untouched by the hand of man. There was no lack of anything for the simple needs of frontier life. As they increased in numbers they began to push to the South and the West and in this great migration water played a most important part. They founded their settlements on good harbors and at the mouths of rivers and moving in-

land, along the rivers which carried their boats and rafts.

As they gathered together, first in tiny settlements and villages and later in towns and cities, they began to face the problems of organization and to surround themselves with political lines and boundaries—township lines, city limits, county lines, and State lines. These man-made lines, in their present form, must be and are taken into consideration in the enactment and enforcement of most of the legislation under which we live and by which we shape the pattern of our lives, develop our industries and administer our institutions. The crux of the problem of water conservation lies in the all-important fact that water does not follow or obey man-made boundaries but in its passage over the surface of the earth and beneath the earth it follows great natural channels and gradients which have been millions of years in the making. In rare instances these natural basins may enclose relatively small areas, perhaps a single county. For the most part, however, they enclose much larger areas and many counties, and very frequently they sweep across State lines to include one or several States. In the Ohio, the Missouri and the Mississippi Rivers are mingled the waters of many States and the soils of a million farms are transported to their common delta.

Florida is made up of some twelve basins totally or substantially enclosed within its borders and seven whose drainage area outside Florida is as large or larger than the corresponding area within it. Largest of the totally enclosed basins is that of the Kissimmee River. Originating just south of Orlando, in Orange County, it extends southward to Lake Okeechobee and then broadens to include substantially the entire Everglades. The St. Johns basin originates east and south of the Kissimmee basin, parallels it for many miles and extends northward to Jacksonville. The great Kissimmee basin includes al-

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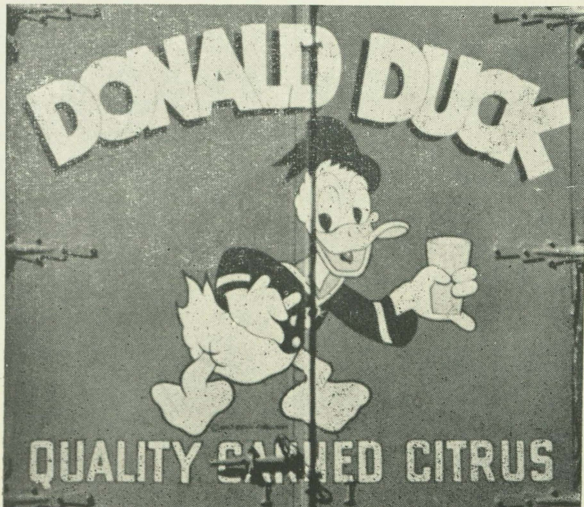
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Improvement Commission Report .

Second Report (February 28, 1946). Of Four Months' Operations November 1945 Through February 1946.

SECTION 420.07 of the Florida State Improvement Commission Act requires that the Commission shall publish at least three times annually "the details of its activities in such form as shall be deemed best calculated to serve the purpose of giving full publicity to all transactions had by, or proposed to said Commission for its approval." The clear intent of this provision is to turn the light of publicity upon the Commission's borrowing and financial operations, completed and uncompleted. The Commission during its first eight months of operation has made no borrowings and has received only tentative and informal approaches respecting the use of its borrowing power. This report, therefore, is largely concerned with the Commission's administrative operations in discharging the several other powers and duties assigned it by law and executive order.

The Commission's second four months of operations represented, in general, a period of organizational strengthening and development. Much of its first four months was necessarily devoted to the mechanics of getting started. In the past four months the Commission has worked out fairly well its internal organization and procedures.

The report is presented in the following sections:

- Constitutional Litigation
- Commission Expenditures
- River, Harbor, Flood Control and Beach Erosion Projects
- Aviation
- Surplus Property
- State Building Program
- Proposals for Financing

Constitutional Litigation

On October 19, 1945, the Attorney General filed in the Supreme Court his information in the nature of a quo warranto against the members of the Commission, challenging the legal status of the Commission and specifically arguing the unconstitutionality of Chapter 22821, Laws

of Florida, Acts of 1945, which Chapter is an amendment to Chapter 420 of the Florida Statutes, 1941.

The Commission, by its Attorney, B. A. Meginniss, filed a demurrer and an answer to the alternative writ. The cause was orally argued before the Supreme Court on November 19, 1945, Honorable John E. Matthews of Jacksonville appearing with the Commission's counsel as amicus curiae.

The Court rendered its opinion on November 30, 1945, sustaining the demurrer and quashing the alternative writ. In its opinion the Court rejected every alleged ground of invalidity set up by the Attorney General (thirteen in number, ranging from challenge of the right of the Chairman of the State Road Department to be a member of the Commission to the authority of the Commission to issue revenue certificates). The Court concluded its opinion with these words:

"In State ex rel Matthews, supra, this Court defined the rules for construing a statute like that in question and in Gray v. Central Florida Lumber Company, 104 Fla. 446, 144 So. 320, we defined the hurdles that must be overcome to declare an act invalid. It is our judgment that the act assaulted is valid by every test applied in both these cases, so the demurrer to the writ of Quo Warranto is sustained and the writ is quashed. . . ."

As an aftermath of this litigation, the State Comptroller refused to honor the Commission's salary requisitions for the month of January 1946 on the grounds of ambiguity in the law and the Supreme Court's opinion as to the proper procedure for payment of the Commission's expenses. A clarifying opinion was obtained from the Supreme Court upholding the Commission's contention that payments from its \$50,000 annual appropriation should be made on requisition signed by the Governor and counter-signed by the Comptroller, the procedure which had been followed since the Commission's organization. At issue was the distinction between state funds appropriated to the Commission and

the moneys derived by the Commission from borrowings or otherwise.

Commission Expenditures

Comparison of expenditures in eight months against the approved budget for the year, follows:

Classification	Budget	Exp'd't's	% Ex. to Bg't
Salaries	\$29,470	\$16,026.64	54.4
Travel	5,000	1,865.24	37.3
Office Supplies and equipment	2,450	1,033.77	42.2
Postage	750	839.72	112.0
Rent	2,460	1,395.54	56.7
Telephone & Telegraph	600	360.56	60.9
Miscellaneous	2,000	1,246.09	62.3
TOTAL	\$43,000	\$22,767.56	52.9

It should be noted that with 66.7% of the year gone, expenditures are 52.9 percent of the budgeted amount. It should be further noted that, in accordance with State Budget Commission regulations, \$7,000 of the Commission's \$50,000 appropriation is set aside in a reserve. Thus, eight months' expenditures represent only 45.5 percent of the total appropriation.

River, Harbor, Flood Control and Beach Erosion Projects

By executive order the Commission acts as liaison between Federal agencies, especially the U. S. Engineers, and the State Government on river, harbor, flood control, and beach erosion matters. The Commission's procedure is to review all such proposed projects, working with all interested state agencies and departments, and to formulate such expressions of state concern and opinion as federal law or the circumstances of the project require. Nine new projects were received and reviewed during the period, bringing the total for the eight months to twenty-eight.

The Commission acts as the official state sponsor (required by federal law) for beach erosion studies made in Florida by the U. S. Engineers. The Jupiter Beach project, proposed in October, is about fifty percent complete.

Aviation

Pending appointment of a full-time Supervisor of Aviation, operations of the Commission in this

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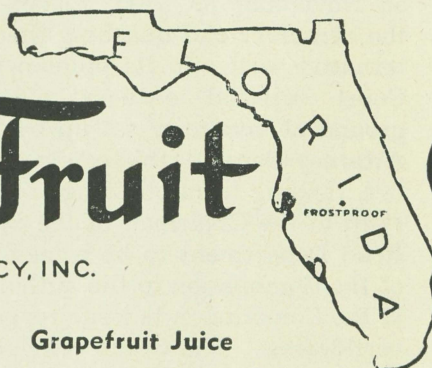
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IT HAPPENED IN FLORIDA ...

IN TAMPA, a man objected strenuously when brought before Peace Justice Spicola for stealing a wallet containing \$200. "There was only \$170 in the wallet," he declared self-righteously.

★ A thief, apparently interested in self-beautification, took \$35 worth of manicure equipment, cosmetics, combs, hair curlers and other equipment from a Miami Beach beauty salon.

★ Two men have been charged with assault with intent to kill an East Tampa man in a robbery in which the assailants netted only 43 cents.

★ When a man grabbed the purse of Mrs. Chester L. Peacock of Miami recently, two small boys gave chase, causing the purse snatcher to drop \$13 of his \$61 loot.

★ A calm and business-like hold-up man, brandishing a pistol, staged a daring daylight robbery at the Allied Finance Company in Jacksonville and walked away with \$2,100 cash.

★ Mrs. Agnes Coughlin paid \$400 for a shoe shine in Miami. No, she wasn't inebriated, she left four 100-dollar bills in her husband's shoes when she sent them to a shine parlor, and the shine boy says he found no money in the shoes.

★ A Tampa woman, suing for support from her husband for herself and their three children in circuit court, asserted her husband told her he could not find a place for his family to live in Sarasota when he went there to run a trucking business, but obtained a fraudulent divorce from her, married another woman and got another divorce before coming back to her.

★ A 27-year-old Tampa negress, charged with failure to pay \$3.50 cab fare, told Municipal Judge Potter her boy friend got fresh, then he—not she—walked home, leaving her in a taxicab in West Tampa. Judge Potter suspended sentence.

★ After a wedding in Ybor City,

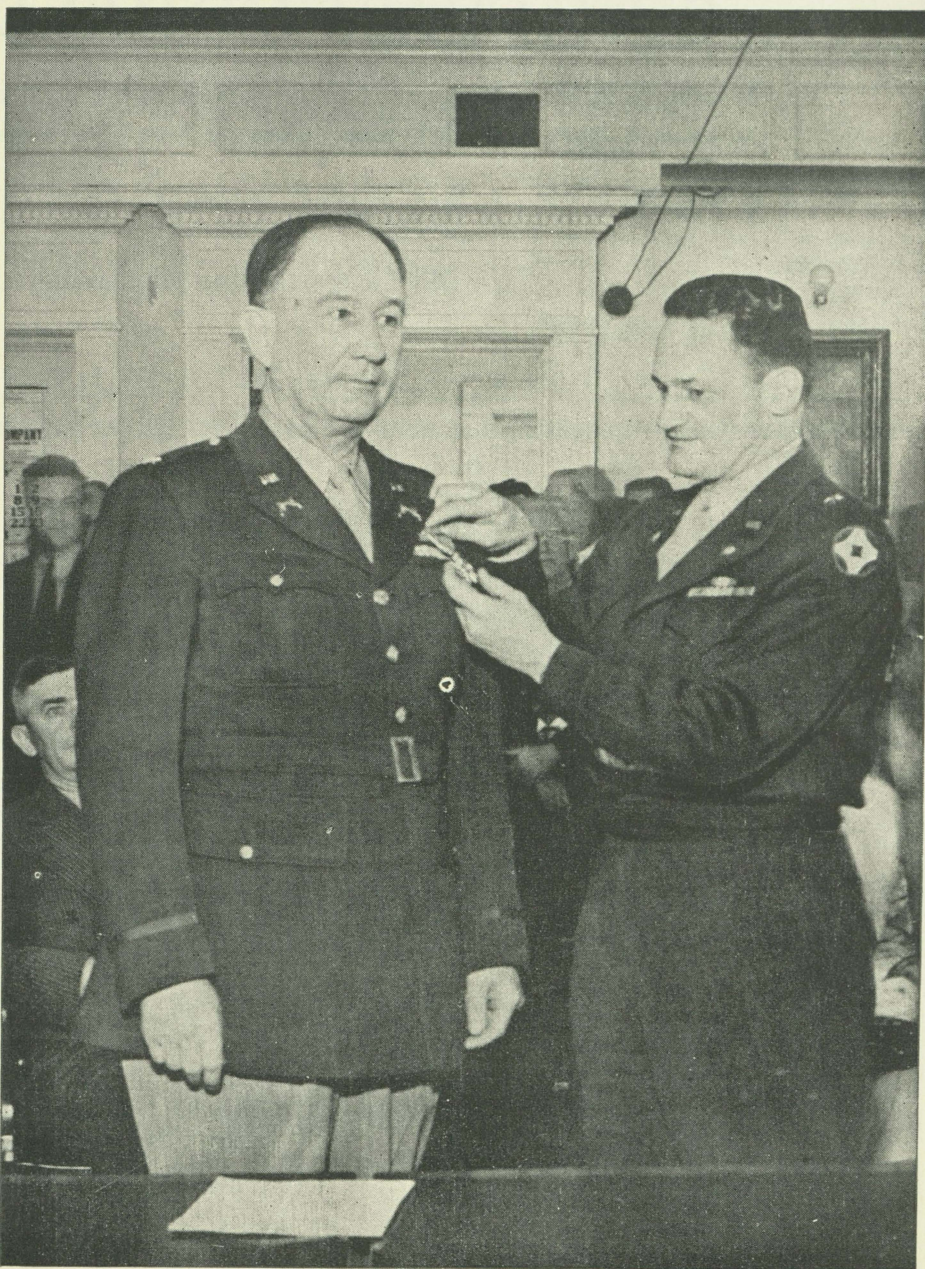
a procession of horn-honking automobiles got underway according to custom, but a patrol car soon brought it to a halt. Said the policeman: "So somebody got married. Well, all right. But remember there are people who have been married 16 or 20 years and they don't like to be reminded of it."

★ Arthur L. Anderson, Tampa at-

torney, must be having sweet revenge since recovering from a siege of laryngitis. For a week he was under doctor's orders not to say a word. During this period, his wife's pet way of plaguing him was to go on a window shopping spree whenever they walked down the street, and threaten to buy every dress and piece of furniture in sight.

★ Have you ever wondered about the tracks, almost three miles long and never used, on Gandy Bridge? When George S. Gandy secured the original franchise for the span in 1914, he contemplated only a high-

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Col. H. N. Kirkman, director, State Department of Public Safety, receives the Award of Legion of Merit for outstanding service in the office of Provost Marshal General from Brigadier General Chas. D. Palmer, chief of staff, Fourth Service Command, in the office of Governor Caldwell at the Capitol.

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County Activities and Personalities...

BROWARD COUNTY commissioners plan to provide a home free of rent as one of the steps in the establishment of a county parental home. The institution will be located at Daria, and civic organizations are expected to take leading roles in equipping the place. Efforts are underway now to secure the services of a matron.

■ W. David Rogers has been named to membership on the board of commissioners of the East Volusia Anti-Mosquito District. Rogers succeeds W. Combs Young, who resigned. The appointment was made by Governor Caldwell.

■ Sarasota County commissioners had set March 18 as the date for final action on a petition to close a county road leading to Salt Springs—a resort section in the southern part of the county. A hearing was set after receipt of a letter from the Lemon Bay Woman's Club protesting the road closing plan.

■ Departments of Pinellas County government maintaining offices in St. Petersburg are spending sufficient money in rentals to finance construction of a \$150,000 branch courthouse according to an analysis by Ray E. Green, clerk of the circuit court.

■ Dade County commission has been called upon to take vigorous action to obtain the Navy dispensary and barracks at Richmond field for use as a tuberculosis sanatorium. The county health advisory board adopted a resolution pointing out advantages to be obtained under the program.

■ Condemnation proceedings were scheduled late in February against fifty to sixty parcels of land in Marion County needed for the construction of the Dixie Highway from Lowell to the Alachua County line. County Attorney Wallace N. Sturgis was instructed by the board of county commissioners to commence the necessary steps.

■ A group of Brevard County commissioners, headed by A. Fortenberry recently attended a meeting of the State Road Department in Tampa. The group was interested

in improvements on Roads 219 and 140. Senator Lloyd Boyle of that district accompanied the commissioners.

■ In compliance with a recent circuit court order, Dade County commissioners have begun preliminary steps to create commission districts of equal population. Chairman J. Oliver Alderman said he had appointed a committee to redistrict the county board. Citizens as well as county board members are on the committee.

■ Hillsborough County election board has presented a request to the county commission to advertise immediately for bids on supplying 50 electric voting machines needed in that county.

■ Edgar J. Blount, former Lee County commissioner and the first elected county treasurer, died February 19 at Ft. Myers. He was 77 years old and was a pioneer resident of the Ft. Myers area. He was only 21 years of age when he was elected county treasurer. He also served as commissioner and was in

the office of county tax assessor and tax collector.

■ Paul Rardin, a Palm Beach County commissioner, was chosen a delegate to the annual meeting of the National Association of County Commissioners to be held in Cincinnati in June. Rardin was picked at the State Convention of County Commissioners recently in Jacksonville.

■ The Lee County commissioners have made arrangements with DeSoto County to send prisoners sentenced to hard labor to the DeSoto County road camp. There are, at present, no prisoners in that class kept in the Lee County jail.

■ Escambia County grand jury, meeting for the winter term, called for a clean-up of the county jail. The jurors inspected the jail and reported no improvements had been made since the last tour when conditions were found unsatisfactory.

■ The new Seabreeze Bridge is not planned as a substitute for the

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George W. Gibbs, Jr., (right) manager of Gibbs Corporation signs contract for "Caterpillar" distributorship in northern Florida, while his father (left) George W. Gibbs, Sr., president of the Gibbs Corporation, and W. S. Zeigler, "Caterpillar" Eastern division sales manager, looks on.

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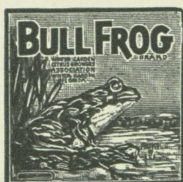
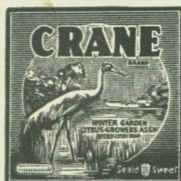
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Governors To Lakeland

A NORMAL COMMUNITY perks up somewhat when the governor of a State comes to town, and so Lakeland will perk up much more than somewhat during the weekend of March 29, when no fewer than seven governors, including Florida's chief executive, will be in town.

From Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia, Alabama and Oklahoma will come governors to be guests of Governor Caldwell and Lakeland.

They will confer regarding whatever topics are warmest on their minds and be the recipients of the most hospitable hospitality of which Lakeland is capable.

Along with the governors will come their wives, and Lakeland will be delighted to welcome them, too.

Under sponsorship of Lakeland's Chamber of Commerce, the gubernatorial weekend will again place Lakeland constructively in the spotlight, and we hope each governor will go back home inspired to have all his subjects come to Polk County for a visit at least once a year.—Lakeland Ledger.

State Tax Hearing

MAKING GOOD PROMPTLY on Governor Caldwell's pledge that his tax revision commission would hold public hearings before formulating any of its recommendations to the legislature, Judge D. Stuart Gillis, chairman of the group, announced yesterday that there would be hearings in four cities, including Jacksonville. The date set for folks in this part of the peninsula to make themselves heard is March 20.

Whatever may be the temper of the legislators by the time April 1947 rolls around, the recommendations of the governor's commission are bound to carry a great deal of weight. Mr. Caldwell's idea was to make the group itself as representative as possible to begin with, and then to make it a sounding board for opinion from every possible quarter. Only in this way can Florida's patchwork tax structure be replaced by one that is fair to everybody. Jaxons and others from the northeast quarter should pitch in and do their share when the hearing is held here.—Jacksonville Journal.

We Look To Caldwell

FLORIDA FOUND MONEY enough to wage a long court fight to acquire the Ringling art museum, now in need of repairs, and surely the money can be found for repairs.

The legislature does not meet for a year, but meantime this valuable treasure must be protected. We have enough confidence in Gov. Caldwell and his

sense of values to believe he will do it.—Orlando Sentinel.

That "Central" Purchasing Agency

IN A RECENT EDITORIAL the estimable Tampa Tribune takes another fling at Governor Caldwell, this time because the legislature did not set up a central purchasing agency. To prove that he was right and the governor and the legislature wrong, the Trib. editor lists office supplies bought by the State agencies and compared them with prices paid by two other States—Alabama and North Carolina.

The editorial leaves the impression that Florida only needs a central purchasing agency to save five million dollars annually—that if "the North Carolina commission had been purchasing the articles for which Florida would have paid \$8,926,300.62 in 12 months, the cost to North Carolina would have been \$3,347,362.74."

The Tribune lists "some of the items in which Florida is being stung" as ink, carbon paper, pencils, typewriter ribbons. One can go into an office supply store and find all brands of these items—from the cheapest to the higher grades—and you take your choice. It is hardly a fair comparison to stress that Florida pays \$4 a hundred for carbon paper and North Carolina 50 cents; that Florida pays \$1 for typewriter ribbons and Alabama 19 cents. Anyone with an ounce of sense knows that a brand of carbon paper selling for 50 cents in North Carolina can be bought in Florida or any other State, IF wanted, for the same amount; that if Alabama or any other State bought the same brand typewriter ribbon selling for \$1 in Florida they would pay the same price.

If The Tribune editor cares to make an investigation of the political baloney he is quoting to his readers, he will find that Alabama and North Carolina do not confine themselves exclusively to 50-cent carbon and 19-cent ribbons any more than Florida uses only \$4 carbon and \$1 ribbons. And, incidentally, how many 19-cent ribbons and 50-cent carbons are in use in the Trib. office?

The separate purchasing agencies now doing business for the State can secure as good prices (quality is also considered) on the State's needs as one central agency, with the added advantage of a personnel familiar with the items they must inspect and purchase for their departments. The needs of the State are too varied for one agency to handle intelligently. After all, a man qualified to buy breakfast foods for the State institutions couldn't be expected to know much about road machinery, or even the difference in typewriter ribbons. The Trib. editor must not have heard the old Capitol joke of the former central agency asking for bids on so many "bushels" of sugar.—West Orange News, Winter Garden.

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Central Florida Prospering . . .

THE HEART OF central Florida's fast-growing fruit empire is palpitating these days with pride over its post-war perspective.

Lake-dotted Orange County, which performed a notable war role by boosting food quotas to miraculous heights as well as catering to personnel of the expansive Army Air Forces tactical center, is now ready to realize a handsome return for its effort.

While citrus and tourists played the leads in the prewar cast, the emergencies of war created small industries that are now converting to peacetime endeavors that will enable them to reap a harvest in post-war financial performances.

To hear Orange County leaders talk, you get the idea that every phase of their post-war agenda is dipped in an essence of prosperity. And they have facts and figures to show that nothing can halt the most sound and productive boom in the county's history.

What few headaches exist can be erased with a 15-cent package of aspirin, they claim.

For instance, the October's hurricane that weaved through mid-State, plus the drought of last spring, knocked Orange's famous citrus crop to 65 percent of normalcy. That's a punch that hurts but it's nothing that can't be corrected by a year of well-behaved weather.

Yes, Orlando and Orange county—in fact the entire contiguous area—are excited with their immediate outlook.

Listen to Martin Andersen, publisher of the Orlando Sentinel-Star as he expounds on the post-war era. "Here . . . in central Florida the picture is brilliantly studied with the jewels of money, land, citrus, cattle and building.

"We have no factories to close down. Our (wartime) prosperity, which came from citrus trees and cattle, will be reduced, but so will our taxes.

"Oranges and cattle will keep on growing. Shut-down orders and

By George Beebe
State Editor, The Miami Herald

conversion from war and peace don't affect them. People eat fruit and beef and celery in peace as in war . . .

"Never in the history of central Florida have people had so much money . . . So long as there is so much wealth in this neck of the woods, we need not worry about tomorrow. We're on the threshold of the most amazing building boom in our history."

Orlando has been and will continue to be the shopping mecca of mid-Florida. Dollars reaped from prosperous groves and vegetable patches find their way into Orlando's retail channels.

"We have a shopping center with a 75-mile radius," points out State Rep. Tyn Cobb. "Most Florida cities along the east and west coasts have half their trading radius out in the ocean. That's where Orlando has it over them."

"Orlando in my mind has a great future," Cobb continued. "Northerners are flocking here to establish permanent and winter homes because they are aware Orlando is clean politically and physically. We draw a conservative, middle-aged class here—none of the sporting element that frequents coastal resorts."

Swing over to Walter W. Rose, realtor and president of the 1945 State senate.

"The real estate market is the best since the 1920s in this region," he explained. Sales are on a more substantial basis than ever before. No paper deals like in boomtime—all in cash now. Unlike those nightmarish days of the '20s, property is being purchased for use and not speculation.

"We have the ideal geographical location," Rose emphasized, "and I believe in time we will be the third largest city in the State. There are 300,000 people in a trading radius of 55 miles and because of this lush back-country trade we are not wholly dependent on

the Northern tourist. We have a great vegetable region at Sanford, cattle at Kissimmee and citrus everywhere. That spells prosperity," Rose said.

Orange is second only to Polk County in citrus production, which gives a full view of the expanse of groves which square off the countryside in this vast fruit-growing region.

County Agent K. C. Moore says there are about 45,000 acres of bearing groves in the county, of which 75 percent are oranges. That means about 9,000,000 to 10,000,000 boxes of fruit annually.

One of the recent major developments in the county is the \$1,000,000 citrus dehydration plant at Plymouth.

H. R. Cloud, vice president of Florida Foods, a unit formed by the National Research Corporation of Boston, claims that when the dehydrated juice is reconstituted you can't tell the difference from fresh orange juice—and the weight in shipping is only 1-20th that of the fresh fruit.

Dehydrated citrus juice is out of the experimental stage and well on its way to an early arrival on the store shelves, Cloud said.

Both citrus and vegetable acreages are above a year ago. Of the estimated 3,500 acres planted to produce, considerable is devoted to celery and cabbage in the Zellwood region.

Orange is extremely proud of the way its small industries are reconverting from war to peace. Take the American Machinery Co., for instance.

Before the war, that outfit manufactured packing house machinery. Soon after the shooting started, American Machinery was turning out bomb parts. Now it's back to its old line but on an expanded scale.

The same with the W. C. (Cal) Meloon Boat Co. at Pinecastle. That pleasure-craft making firm won wide publicity by turning main street into an assembly line for building small invasion boats

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COUNTY ACTIVITIES

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Broadway Bridge, Volusia Commissioner Elmer Blank reported. The statement was made following questions as to why the Seabreeze Bridge was being built instead of the other bridge. He explained that Broadway Bridge is a State project while the Seabreeze Bridge is being paid for by the county. "The two projects are entirely independent of each other," he said.

■ Orange County commission districts should not be affected as the result of the State supreme court's decision that Palm Beach County would have to be redistricted according to population in the opinion expressed to the commissioners by Woodford R. Smith, attorney.

■ Dr. James E. Mooney, Pinellas County director of aeronautics, has been directed by the county commissioners to secure more data on Tampa's request for a waiver of all contiguous rights to Drew Field.

■ Taxes on residential property in Dade County will be increased, Tax Assessor J. Newton Lummus, Jr., said in making an explanation of how the acute housing shortage and other elements make this necessary. Residential property has increased more than any other type of real estate, Lummus advised. He explained that the normal increase in the cost of construction together with other figures justified an increase in the assessed valuation.

■ Hillsborough County commissioners have renewed their offer of a \$25 reward to anyone who can give information leading to the conviction of persons who dump trash on the county's right-of-way. The county also is considering a suggestion that land be set aside for dumping grounds.

■ Escambia County commissioners have decided to make an appeal to the State Improvement Board for a loan to pay for repairs to the Pensacola-Mobile Canal Bridge. The bridge has been damaged by tugs and barges, and as a result the county has an indebtedness of \$52,170 for repair work.

■ Ralph W. Richardson has been appointed deputy sheriff by Sheriff

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SUMTER'S WOMAN SHERIFF

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become a barrier to being a good public official.

And nobody cracked about her being a "pistol packin' mamma," simply because she is not one. Inconspicuous as possible, she prefers to hide her badge in her purse, and revolver in the dresser drawer.

Mrs. Baldree's pretty black hair is streaked with white, which she explains, "I've worked hard during these 44 years of mine."

IT HAPPENED

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speed interurban trolley line between Tampa and St. Petersburg, but before the bridge was built World War I and the automobile came along. Rather than get a new franchise, he put the tracks down anyway, although when the bridge was completed in 1924, it was only for automobiles.

★ Coconut Grove park in Coconut Grove at last has a coconut grove. Two hundred coconut palms, cleared from the Deering estate to make way for Mercy Hospital, have been planted in the park.

★ A "true blossom" came with the early spring citrus bloom to a six-month-old seedling grapefruit only four inches tall, owned by Arthur G. Stone of Tampa.

★ Owners of grave spaces in Key West have observed persons stealing flowers from vases on their grave spaces and placing them on other graves.

★ With its average of seven cars per week shipped from Fort Myers, the gladioli industry is joining citrus and vegetables as Lee County's leading cash crops. Each car contains around 450 hampers and 75 percent of them are shipped east of the Mississippi River.

★ In event you are interested, the air record from Orlando to Tampa, with time out for a couple of leisurely circles about the city, stands now at just 12 minutes in a jet plane.

★ When war brides were being introduced at a federated woman's club meeting in a Miami theater, the emcee, a prominent clubwom-

an got her words twisted and said: "I want to introduce these broads from abride."

★ Two-year-old Scott Bryan Richter of Miami has had his name changed. He will be Robert Scott Richter from now on, in honor of his father who was killed in action on February 7, 1945, during the battle for Manila.

★ Captain Robert A. Crandall, Camp Gordon Johnston dentist, was a captain for six months and didn't know it. He discovered his new status when a recommenda-

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FLORIDA'S LATIN COLONIES

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by George C. Spoto, has enlisted the aid of the State Road Department and Hillsborough County commissioners to beautify and construct parking places on the causeway, which leads from Tampa to Bradenton.

Other projects of the chamber include a new \$250,000 postoffice for Ybor; conversion of Eighth avenue into a business section, to alleviate the crowded conditions of Seventh avenue; a drive to preserve Spanish landmarks and customs in Tampa; support of the Tampa Smokers baseball team.

Recently, Tampa pledged more than \$100,000 for the construction of a Boys Club for Ybor City, similar to the community project that has worked so successfully in West Tampa, where a Boys Club has been sponsored by the Rotary Club for years. Under these club programs, the children of these areas are given the benefits of supervised recreation.

West Tampa has other recreation centers, including Rey Park and Macfarlane Park. Besides having the Centro Espanol in this section, West Tampa also has the Sicilian Club, as many residents of the area originated in Sicily.

West Tampa also is the home of Third Air Force headquarters; Drew Field, Tampa's new aviation center which was developed by the Army Air Forces during the war, several of the larger cigar factories, and a box factory.

With all these attractions, Tampa's Latin colonies bid "Saludos" to the thousands of visitors to their unique communities every year.

Engineering Represents Vital Highway Safety Factor

By Charles M. Upham

WE HAVE BEEN hearing a lot lately about safety on the highways. We should hear a great deal more. This is one subject which cannot be over-emphasized. The seriousness of the fast mounting death toll from traffic accidents should be brought forcefully to the attention of every man, woman and child in the United States—not once but again and again. It is a grave national situation and one in which we all have a part. It is not over-statement to say that your life may depend upon it.

Two major means of cutting down traffic accidents present themselves and both must be used to the fullest extent. One is the continual teaching of safety measures in every conceivable way. The other is the construction of highways that will have all the safety features modern engineering can provide. The first can be done at once and many agencies are cooperating in this essential campaign. The second means, while tremendously important, unfortunately takes time.

The need for action on all safety fronts is told in gloomy figures. In the last five peacetime months of 1945, the deaths from traffic accidents increased 36 percent. In the first seven months, the increase over the same period of 1944 was only one percent, but the orgy of post-war driving put 1945 17 percent over the preceding year.

The ghastly record for 1945 reads 28,500 dead, one million injured and 80,000 persons permanently disabled. Statisticians place the economic loss in property damage, insurance, wage losses and doctor bills at around 1½ billion dollars. So we pay in cash as well as in life and limb for carelessness on the highways.

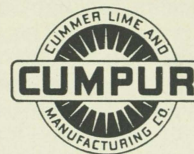
Traffic accidents may be attributed to the driver, the car or the highway. A cautious driver can usually avoid them no matter what mechanical condition his car is in or how bad the road may be. But in this speed-mad era not many drivers can be called cautious. Consequently the highway and the car are sometimes falsely accused.

The American Road Builders' Association for more than 20 years has stressed the need for greater safety in our highways and has worked to bring it about. Its safety committees have had as their objective the concept of "building safety into the highways" through modern design and engineering. Although it has preached safety as well, it has left such factors as driver education and enforcement to other organizations specifically equipped to handle those phases of the safety problem.

That building safety into the highways is a sound theory has been demonstrated. Studies show that where a program of improvement has been carried out with careful consideration of proven hazards, the fatality rate has been much reduced. In one State, the introduction of a center strip in a four-lane road cut the accident rate 36 percent. Addition of two lanes and a dividing strip to a two-lane highway together with some changes in alignment meant an accident reduction of 46 percent in another instance. In neither of these specific cases were all the accident hazards eliminated.

Modern highways in this post-war period must embody every known safety feature. We have thousands of miles of 20-mile-an-hour highways carrying 50-mile-an-hour traffic. Modernization will save many lives and much property.

Listing the safety committees of this association indicate some of the factors of "built-in" safety. They include analysis of accident data (careful studies to ascertain whether or not the highway was to blame) guard rail, roadway surfaces, grade crossings and intersections, alignment and grade, roadway widths and highway illumination.



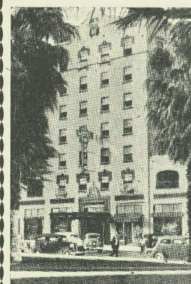
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Increased activity along these lines is imperative at this time in the light of the traffic figures just cited. Thousands of highway curves are too sharp for normal speeds; many steep grades cause accidents due to displacement of passenger cars by slow-moving trucks; thousands of locations have obstructed sight distances; and thousands of intersections, both railway and highway, need grade separations. Narrow bridges and narrow traffic lanes require widening. We must have many more multi-laned highways. Only 6 percent of 333,000 miles of primary roads have more than two lanes, and about two-thirds of them are of the dangerous three-lane variety. Roads must be made available for year-round driving, for only 49 percent of 1,928,000 miles of county and local roads have all-weather surfaces.

Highway engineering not only has a big job ahead, but an important place in traffic safety. But to repeat, this means of cutting traffic accidents takes time. Meanwhile thousands are being killed or maimed on our thoroughfares. So until our highway engineers can do their part, let us preach eternal vigilance, which in this case, is the price of safety.

CENTRAL FLORIDA

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while a new plant was being erected.

At Fern Park, just across the line in Seminole County, Hibbard Casselberry has turned to women's dresses after concluding a government contract for parachutes.

Orlando figures it has a tremendous future in aviation. Its pre-war efforts plus an Army expansion program has given the city one of the most modern airports in Florida.

"The City Beautiful" has two major post-war projects—a new \$1,000,000 sewage disposal plant, and a street extension and widening program. Other needs: a bus and taxi terminal and a municipal swimming pool.

Orange County has set a progressive pace since W. H. Holden planted the State's first commercial citrus grove in 1865.

FLORIDA'S ART MUSEUM

For more than 10 years litigation has been in progress toward the transfer of title in the famous Ringling art collection to the State of Florida. Governor Caldwell pointed out in his message to the legislature last year that the physical condition of the works of art had seriously deteriorated during this period, and that the State should step in to preserve them as soon as possible. Consequently, a law was passed permitting the State to take title as soon as it was shown that the Ringling estate's assets exceeded its liabilities. On Saturday, February 9, the legal processes were completed, and Governor Caldwell accepted the unique collection in the name of the State.

Except for the inroads of dust and dampness, most of which can now be overcome, the great masterpieces hanging in the Sarasota galleries have been oblivious to the legal negotiations. For in the largest sense, great works of art are possessions of the people, regardless of what the legal papers may say at any given moment. The generosity of the Ringlings kept the galleries open to the people, and true possession is in appreciation.

Figures show that there are approximately 100 less inmates in the Wyoming state penitentiary now than during pre-war years.

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COL. PETER O. KNIGHT, who organized the Tampa Electric Company, declined to again accept the presidency of the company and Francis J. Gannon, vice president and general manager since 1931, was unanimously named to succeed him at a board of directors' meeting last month.

At the same time Malcolm R. McKinley, the company's general superintendent since 1928, was named vice president.

Mr. Knight, who observed his 80th birthday on December 16, 1945, retires as the company's president after 53 years of continuous service. The orig-



FRANCIS J. GANNON
President
Tampa Electric Company

inal company organized by Mr. Knight was called the Tampa Suburban Railway Company, which gave this city the distinction of having the first electric street cars in Florida and of being among the first cities in the United States to have them. A few years later Tampa was among the first cities in the country to receive electric lights when Mr. Knight organized the Tampa Electric Company by joining together Tampa Suburban and three other then existing companies.

Back in those days Tampa was a village of a few thousand population with sand streets and board sidewalks. The development of the company and the city has run parallel since then. Then the company had but 30 employees, to-

day it has more than 700. The first electric power was supplied from a small building located at the rear of the company's present main office. Later on, the company constructed a dam and hydro-electric plant on the Hillsborough River a few miles from Sulphur Springs. Many old-timers in Tampa will recall when the dam was dynamited by a group of irate farmers who had been accustomed to permitting their cattle to graze on the property adjacent to the river. The company rebuilt the dam and at the same time started construction of a modern steam plant at the foot of Jackson street in Tampa. This was the beginning of the present modern plant that serves Tampa and its surrounding territory. A few years ago Colonel

Knight gave the properties of the dam to the city of Tampa for use in expansion of its water plant.

Under the direction of Mr. Knight the company played a prominent part in the early development of this city. It built and developed Ballast Point and other parks which have since been given to the city. It helped construct the original bridges across Hillsborough River as well as the new bridges that are there today.

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Mr. Gannon came to the Tampa Electric Company from El Paso where he was president of the El Paso Electric Company. He began his career in the utility business at the age of 15 as a messenger of the office of Stone and Webster, Boston. In 1906 he went with the Dallas Power & Light Company as a bookkeeper and after two years there he went to the Pawtucket Electric Company, Pawtucket, R. I., as assistant treasurer. In 1910 he became assistant treasurer of the Edison Illuminating Company, Brockton, Mass., and from there he went to the Sierra Pacific Power Company of Reno, Nev., and in 1916 to the Northern Texas Traction Company, Fort Worth, Tex.

Mr. Gannon had been in Florida once before, having come here in 1926 to become vice president and treasurer of Davis Islands, Inc.

In 1940 he was chosen by the Tampa Civitan Club as Tampa's outstanding citizen of that year. He had been president of the Tampa Chamber of Commerce, a director of the Gasparilla Krewe, Palma Ceia Golf Club, Boy Scouts, Tampa Yacht and Country Club, Rotary Club and other organizations. He is now president of Catholic Charities, and a director of the Tampa War Chest, the Florida Fair Association, and is a member of the advisory committee of the Salvation Army.

Mr. McKinley, the company's new vice president, came to Tampa in November of 1928 as general superintendent. Prior to coming here he was assistant to the vice president of the Naragansett Electric Company in Providence, R. I. Before that he was connected with the Lowell Electric Light Corporation of Lowell, Mass., and the U. S. Cartridge Company. He graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1920.

He is vice president of the Tampa Kiwanis Club, chairman of its finance committee and has served as a member of the board of directors for several years. He is a member of the First Presbyterian church; a past master of Hollywood Lodge, F. and A. M., of Tampa; secretary of the Technology Club of Central Florida; a member of the Chamber of Commerce and of the Palma Ceia Golf Club and was a member of the War Emergency Power and Fuel Committee of the State of Florida. He is married, has three children, and lives at 714 South Edison.

LOCAL MAN HAS FAST RIDE ASTRIDE FRIGHTENED DEER

Bucking broncho riders have nothing on Roscoe L. Whiddon of Tallahassee. He jumped astride a wild deer and stayed with it until the animal fell to the ground.

Whiddon, accompanied by his wife and son, Roscoe O. Whiddon, was en route to Thomasville. A short distance north of the Georgia-Florida line,

Whiddon saw three wild deer moving along a fence line. Two of the animals jumped the fence but the third failed to make it.

Whiddon and his son gave chase to the deer for a closer look. When the deer came close to Whiddon he jumped astride it and the frightened animal ran for about 25 or 30 yards before it stumbled and fell to the ground.

"Then," said Whiddon, "I was afraid to let go," commenting that the sharp hooves of the struggling animal were dangerous.

Relief soon came, however, when two Georgia residents passing by stopped, tied the deer's feet and released Whiddon.

The custom and fashion of today will be the awkwardness and outrage of tomorrow—so arbitrary are these transient laws.—Dumas.

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We are glad to see that the ACL is sending some of its employees back to school, not for "readin,' 'ritin' and 'rithmetic" but rather to learn something about efficiency and courtesy. We had about come to the conclusion as a result of the little traveling we have done during the last few years that the helpful pullman car porter and the smiling dining car waiter were definitely of a bygone era. But while we are on the subject of courtesy that is something which could be taught with profit by virtually all business organizations.—Sanford Herald.

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DR. SAMUEL MUDD WAS SYMBOL OF PRISON HELL

By Earl R. Adams
Miami Herald Staff Writer

SEVENTY-SEVEN years ago Friday, March 8, a gray-haired, stoop-shouldered wreck of humanity stepped ashore on Key West soil from a small Navy boat.

Tears streamed down the sallow cheeks of a face etched in much suffering. This man had come back from the living dead. He had served more than four years in the cruelest penal institution ever maintained in the United States.

The man was Dr. Samuel A. Mudd, once an humble Maryland country doctor, who had just been liberated from Fort Jefferson where he had been sentenced to life by an army court martial for conspiracy in the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln.

Mudd was the doctor who set the broken leg of John Wilkes Booth, who shot Lincoln the night of April 14, 1865 in Ford's theater in Washington during a performance of "Our American Cousin."

American history does not record any other such penal institution as the now decrepit Fort Jefferson, a masonry monstrosity sitting out in the Gulf of Mexico 60 miles west of Key West.

Polk was president of the United States when the gigantic citadel was conceived. That the fort should enable this Nation to command the Gulf of Mexico was quite probably the purpose. It was abandoned, however, in 1873 without ever having fired a shot.

The association of Dr. Mudd's name with that vast wilderness of brick and ruin in the Gulf Stream, is the only thing that carries on, and ever will, the name of Fort Jefferson through the annals of history.

During the Civil War it was used as a penal institution for Union prisoners. There murderers, mutineers and deserters were confined in a living hell.

A prison ship landed Dr. Mudd and the men charged as his "accomplices" at the fort on July 25, 1865, three months and one day after his arrest at Bryantown, Md., charged with complicity in one of the most wicked crimes that ever cast a stain upon the pages of the world's history.

There are many who believe until this late day the story told by the cultured, quiet, retiring Marylander that the only error he had made was that sometime previous to the assassination of Lincoln, he had been asked by Booth,

a newcomer in Bryantown, to give him the direction to the home of a man in the neighboring village where he could buy a good saddle horse.

Until death took him, Dr. Mudd insisted that on the night after the shooting, when Booth came to his home with the broken leg received when he leaped to the stage of the theater, that he set the fractured bone as a common service to humanity, unknowing that only a few hours before the roving scion of a famous tragedian had shot to death President Lincoln.

Immediately after Mudd and his "accomplices" Samuel Arnold, Michael O'Laughlin and Edward Spangler, all convicted on the conspiracy to assassinate charge, landed at the fort they were placed in irons. After six months of such confinement the chains were removed.

Spangler died there and probably there would have been no release from the fort for Dr. Mudd, except through death, but for the fact that the dread yellow fever, bred of mosquitoes, sounded through the grim sea fortress a call for succor which was to be answered, after the death of the fort's two medical officers, by the expatriated Marylander. The Nation through the

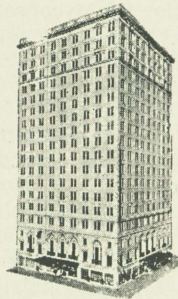
men whose lives he saved soon learned of the marvelous humanitarian work he did there with the enthusiasm of his calling.

President Johnson listening to Nation-wide clamor for his release freed him.

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GOVERNOR REVIEWS FIRST YEAR OF ADMINISTRATION

Governor Caldwell in reviewing the first year of his administration in a monthly radio report to the State during January, noted "some improvement and progress" in conservation and construction and a "healthy" general financial condition.

Labeling his talk a "report to the stockholders in our business of State government," he itemized a list of accomplishments but reiterated an earlier warning that they should not "lull us into self-satisfied apathy."

Governor Caldwell said he hoped for "material improvement" in programs carried on by the State conservation commission and the game and fresh water fish commission, stating both departments showed some improvement last year.

The governor reported forest protection was "moderately expanded" but added an "adequate forest program" would come only after legislative approval of a production tax assuring industry contributions. Such a tax was defeated by the 1945 legislature.

When a forest production levy is made, "the State will then be willing to appropriate substantially toward a broad and far-reaching effort to restore that great resource."

He reviewed briefly the activities of the departments of education, health and agriculture and said considerable progress had been made in the affairs of each.

Caldwell said the State advertising program is underway, and through it Florida expects to carry on an advertising campaign that will bring results in cash registers and payrolls all over the State.

"As was expected," he continued, "the end of the war brought increased unemployment in Florida" and 25,000 jobless received \$2,430,000 in compensation payments while the unemployment reserve fund grew to a record total of \$58,000,000.

The industrial commission awarded \$4,000,000 in workmen's compensation claims to 55,000 industrial accident victims.

College students in Marietta, Ohio, who couldn't find rooms, rented a river craft on the Muskingum River for use as a temporary dormitory.

A man applying for a room at a hotel in Corpus Christi, Tex., was told brusquely there was no vacancy and no prospect of any. He called up his real estate agent and purchased the hotel.

MACK TRUCK REPORTS \$54,000,000 IN UNFILLED ORDERS

Mack Trucks, Inc. reports a net income of \$2,775,559 for the year 1945. Mack's net sales for the past year amounted to \$122,207,974, as compared with their peak sales of 1944, the last full war year, of \$140,089,859.

Net 1945 income amounts to \$4.64 per share of stock outstanding, before renegotiation, according to Louis G. Bissell, chairman of the board, as compared with \$6.00 per share for 1944 before renegotiation. Dividends aggregating \$3.00 per share were paid during 1945, equalling in amount dividends paid in 1944.

The report reveals that at the end of 1945 there remained on the books unfilled orders of all kinds amounting to more than \$4,000,000, virtually all representing civilian orders.

MUSEUM IS STATE'S PROPERTY

The Ringling Art Museum and the adjoining estate and home of the late John Ringling, are now vested in ownership of the people of Florida. Formal taking over of the property was accomplished Saturday, February 9, with Governor Caldwell and members of his cabinet taking part in the impressive ceremonies attendant upon the transfer of custody of these magnificent properties from the executors of the estate to the State of Florida.

Mr. Ringling also left other valuable properties to the State, and in his will expressed the belief and hope that from these would be derived income sufficient to support the magnificent museum and its millions of dollars worth of pictures, many of them by the world's greatest painters, "to be the heritage, and for the enjoyment, of the whole people of Florida."

The food shipped to Russia by the U. S. in lend-lease from 1941 to 1945, is valued at \$1,473,003,000.

JAMES ASSISTANT CHIEF ENGINEER MACK CORPORATION

Announcement is made of the appointment of Mr. F. E. James as assistant to the chief engineer of the Mack Manufacturing Corporation. In his new position Mr. Jones will be in charge of Mack's fire apparatus engineering.

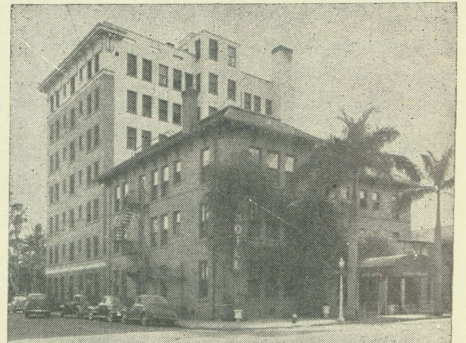
Following experience in aeronautical engineering and in flying, Mr. James joined the Mack organization in 1926 as a draftsman. From then until receiving his recent appointment he served successively as squad leader, bus and truck development, chief draftsman for fire apparatus engineering, and fire apparatus engineer.

Mr. James will continue to make his headquarters at Mack's Allentown, Pa. plant.

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WATER TREATMENT, AN IMPORTANT FLORIDA INDUSTRY

Florida occupies a position of first rank with respect to the chemical treatment of municipal water supplies. Although twenty-seventh among the States of the Union in population, Florida ranks third in the production of soft water in municipal treatment plants, her 38 softening plants delivering to consumers some 70,000,000 gallons of softened water per day.

Measured by any yardstick, the production, treatment (when necessary) and distribution of water is an important Florida industry. It is one of the heaviest consumers of heavy chemicals, using each year many hundreds of cars of lime, soda ash, aluminum sulfate, fuel oil, activated carbon and ammonium sulfate and thousands of cylinders of liquid chloride and ammonia. It represents a capital investment of many hundreds of millions of dollars and gives employment to thousands of Florida citizens.

Florida has at the present time some 237 municipal water works. Of these, 216 or 91% derive their supplies from wells and only 21 or 9% utilize water from surface sources. On the basis of population served, however, the difference is not quite so marked since, of the total urban population, about 80% use water pumped from wells and about 20% water derived from surface sources. All of the latter is, of course, chemically treated to insure its safety for human consumption.

In 1940 approximately 1,120,000 Florida consumers were served by 237 water works systems. Assuming an average per capita consumption of 100 gallons per day, and that 70% of this total production was paid for at an average rate of 25 cents per thousand gallons, the gross revenue for that year was slightly in excess of \$7,000,000. In view of the substantial population increase which has taken place during the past five years and the heavy demands made by wartime industries and military establishments, it is probable that gross revenues for 1945 were in excess of \$10,000,000.

In spite of this impressive total, the cost to the consumer who pays 25 cents per thousand gallons amounts to only 6 cents per ton for a product sparkling and crystal clear, of highest sanitary quality and delivered, not only to his door, but "upstairs and downstairs and in my ladies chamber." In cases where softening or other chemical treatment is needed, its cost is usually less than 2 cents per thousand gallons or one-fourth cent per ton. It is difficult to discover throughout all of the chemical industries a comparable record of performance.

Assembly lines at the giant Willow Run plant will be geared to turn out 1,500 new Kaiser and Frazer cars a day by next summer.

EVERGLADES PARK

Florida conservationists have swung to the support of an Everglades National Park on the terms offered by Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes. This, in substance, means a park at the tip of the Florida peninsula if the State will purchase some 280,000 acres of privately owned land, add it to what is now State-owned and convey the whole to the Federal government.

Local interest in the proposed park naturally runs high. The project has solid south Florida support. That is the foundation upon which to build our hopes for consummation of an undertaking which will add to the prestige and wealth of the State.

Gov. Millard Caldwell is sympathetic. He will revive the park commission to the end that public opinion be aroused to the point of obtaining legislative sanction for the purchase of needed land and its transfer to the Federal government.

The problem to which park advocates must now direct their efforts is to make the legislature national park conscious. The solution should not be too difficult.

The Florida State Chamber of Commerce, through its vice president and general manager, Harold Colee, has pledged its support to a State-wide campaign of education. In doing this, the chamber gives additional evidence of its alert appreciation of collective thinking in the State's interest.

Mayor Perrine Palmer, Jr., offers a suggestion which merits the strongest consideration. He would invite the women's organizations of every community to accept the responsibility of carrying the campaign into every home. If the women accept this invitation, the battle is won. What they may do, starting in public schools will mold State conservation policy for today and the years to come. Get the children talking in the home about this park, and the parents will do the talking to their legislative representatives.

The Everglades National Park has

passed the dream stage. We can have this national park in two years or less if we unite our talents and efforts behind it.

A man in Linden, N. J., inserted this ad in the newspaper: "Young executive and father, obliged to live away from home, is willing to exchange expert service as baby tender for room and meals in congenial home."

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EARLY DAY FRONTIER EVENTS BACKGROUND CHATTAHOOCHEE'S GROWTH

Many years before Florida became a part of the United States, the Spanish, French and English engaged in a desperate struggle to control the Americas. The site of Chattahoochee, just south of the confluence of the Flint and Chattahoochee Rivers, was along the boundary lines between the Crown Colonies, Spanish Florida and French Louisiana.

At this point, the Old Spanish Trail crossed the Apalachicola River, forming a gateway between eastern and western Florida. It was a strategic military outpost, and the home of the Chattahoochee Indians, a branch of the Muscogis Nation, as were the Seminoles.

John Tanner was the first white man in this area to make settlement, locating on Section 33 before the Spanish cession of Florida to the United States in 1821. His heirs gained title to this land in 1826 under act of congress which granted benefits to the pre-territorial settlers, who could establish occupation and improvement of lands.

The Calloway survey of the town of Mount Vernon was made in 1828, but no action was taken to incorporate, but on Jan. 24, 1834, an act of the Territorial Council to incorporate the town of Chattahoochee, was approved. The limits included Lot 1, on the river in section 32, and the west and northeast quarters of Section 33, the whole being in fractional township 4, range north and west. The election of Intendant and commissioners was to be held under inspection and supervision of Joseph W. King, Robert H. Stewart and Jesse F. Potts.

The first post office was established at Mount Vernon March 6, 1828 and John McCulloch was postmaster. The name was changed to Chattahoochee on Feb. 19, 1834. In 1835, Chattahoochee had one of the four post offices in Gadsden County. J. W. King was postmaster, and his compensation was \$207.62. McCulloch's Ferry was in operation in 1827.

Count of Castlenau, a French nobleman, visited this section in 1835, and in his "Recollections" published in 1842, were sketches of the village of Mount Vernon, one view showing the porch of the Inn on the Apalachicola. He characterized the climate as the most unhealthy in the world, but said there were some fine plantations in this section, and many steamboats were seen going up and down the river, loaded with cotton.

Relative to the Mount Vernon arsenal, he wrote: "It is a rather nice building of lavender colored brick. It was built at the time of the war against the Seminoles, who, as we know, are still laying waste to this unhappy region."

In 1837, the military establishment at Chattahoochee was known as Fort Appalachee. The legendary history

of the arsenal is far more glamorous than the factual, in reference to Gen. Andrew Jackson. General Jackson left Florida in the fall of 1821, on account of ill health, and there is no record of his ever returning. The arsenal was built around 1835. It is hardly creditable the early day "commoner" and Indian fighter ever plotted military strategy or slept in the commandant's quarters in the Old Arsenal. Fort Gadsden is often located at Chattahoochee, but any modern map of the State of Florida will show this historic landmark is located in the northwest section of Franklin County, which was, in territorial days, a part of Gadsden County. Here "Old Hickory" may have "plotted" and slept!

After the close of the Seminole War in 1845, there was an occasional Indian scare, and the settlers along the Florida and Georgia line, scurried to the old arsenal for protection. In 1866, the Federal government deeded the property to the State, and it was used as a State penitentiary for a decade, when it was turned into an asylum for the insane in 1876, and is today the largest institution in the State, and one of the largest of its kind in the United States.

J. W. Wylie, who was born in Georgia near the State line in 1866, wrote some years ago his recollections of Chattahoochee, as a boy. He told of delivering milk, butter and eggs to the State prison, and remembered seeing the prisoners with a ball and chain around their ankle and waist. He also recalled delivering farm produce to the asylum, where at the start, he said, there were only seven inmates.

He recalled that the only store in town was operated by J. J. Jones, who had a bar in the rear, and there was "lots of drinking." The Old Spanish Trail was just a lane with a rail fence on each side, which led down to the ferry near where the Victory Bridge crosses the Apalachicola. The wheels of the ox drawn wagons had to be locked to descend, the hill was so steep.

The police force, according to the Georgian, was one negro, who also carried the mail from Chattahoochee to the lower wharf below River Junction. Another negro carried the mail to the upper landing, and were paid \$7 a month for their work.

Around the middle '70's, he said, there were only three dwelling houses,

no churches or schools for the whites, but the negroes had two churches. Dr. C. B. Scull was the only physician, and H. H. Spear was postmaster.

The first threat to river transportation came in 1871, when the J. P. & M. (Seaboard) railroad was completed to the Apalachicola. Eleven years later, the Florida & Western (Atlantic Coast Line) was completed, and the Pensacola & Atlanta (L&N) spanned the river with a bridge, forming the River Junction terminal, which is today the second largest in the State. The Apalachicola Northern was added in 1907.

The city's east-west gateway position was further strengthened with the opening of the Victory Bridge to traffic on June 20, 1922, and the paving of the Old Spanish Trail, which has become one of the main arteries of travel in the State.

The Chattahoochee-River Junction area today, known officially as Chattahoochee, is technically the largest city in the county. It owns its public utilities, together with fine residential areas which have been built up during the past quarter of a century. Chattahoochee is historically one of the oldest communities in the county, but is actually the county's youngest municipi-

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History here may repeat itself in the importance of the river.

HISTORICAL SPOTS ARE MARKED HERE

A committee representing the Daughters of the American Revolution and composed of Mesdames J. E. Moses, R. J. Nightingale and A. R. Stansifer have placed tablets marking historic sites in Fort Myers. Inscriptions were placed at Billy's Creek, named for Chief Billy Bowlegs, famous Seminole Indian chief. At this same spot during the War Between the States, 10 Federal pickets were captured by W. M. Hendry and R. F. Blount.

Another marker was set in the grounds of the Royal Palm Hotel, where a United States hospital was situated during the Seminole and civil wars.

Still others now commemorate the U. S. cemetery at Fowler and Second streets established in 1851; the barracks at Jackson and Second streets used during the Indian wars; at Jackson and Main streets, where breastworks extended from the Caloosahatchee through the Royal Palm Hotel grounds and thence in a semi-circle to the foot of Bay and Dean streets, used in the 1850's and 1860's by Federal troops; and lastly a marker at the site of the Elks Club to point from whence Billy Bowlegs and 164 Seminoles embarked on May 4, 1858 for Arkansas.

The officers' quarters in the Seminole War which stood at the present site of the postoffice is still to be marked. Mrs. Moses, chairman of the D. A. R. committee said the Federal government has already appropriated \$1,000 for this purpose.

MOTORIST FAILS TO MISS WIFE

Michigan State police stopped Charles O'Connell, a St. Paul, Minn., motorist.

"Where is your wife?" they asked him.

"Why, in the back seat, asleep," he replied.

"Take a look," the officers invited. O'Connell did, and discovered that his wife had disappeared.

While he had been in a gasoline station in Battle Creek, Mrs. O'Connell had awakened and walked a short distance away to buy food.

O'Connell, unaware of her absence, drove 85 miles before State police spotted him.

The Minnesotan retraced his route, picked up his wife, and drove on with Mrs. O'Connell up in the front seat and awake.

VIEWS OF OTHER EDITORS WHAT PRICE HAIRCUTS?

Barbers in the Miami area recently raised their prices to one dollar for a haircut. This boost in the price of barbershop attention for males causes the Miami News to remark:

"At what point does buyer resistance enter the market for the services of barbers? The barbers of the Miami area, who were cutting hair for 25 cents in the depression years, who then jumped to 35 cents, then to 50, next to 65, finally to 75 about a year ago, have upped the fee to \$1. Rents, cost of equipment, laundry services and kindred expenses have undoubtedly increased. It is fantastic to suggest that they have increased as fast as the price of the finished product."

The OPA does not meddle with price ceilings on charges for personal services, hence the barbers can, and apparently are, charging whatever the traffic will bear—in Miami. It is doubtful that "buyer resistance" will make itself felt as long as there is a scarcity of barbers, here and there.

It may be of interest to note, in connection with the question that is being raised in Miami, "What Price Haircuts?" that barbering is an ancient and honorable profession, closely associated with surgery. So it is nothing new for the barbers to practice "blood-letting."

The practice of surgery was formerly a part of the craft, and by an act of Henry VIII of England the Company of Barbers was incorporated with the limitation, however, that the surgeons were not to shave or practice "barbery," and the barbers were to perform no higher surgical operation than blood-letting and tooth-drawing.

The signs of the old profession were the pole, which the patient grasped, its spiral decoration in imitation of the bandage, and a basin to catch the blood. The barber pole still survives, but the basin has been abandoned. Maybe the Miami barbers, who seem to have gone into the blood-letting business again, will bring the basin back to comfort their customers.—Ocala Star-Banner.

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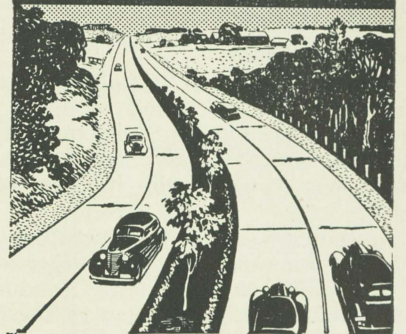
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A man in Hollywood was evicted from his home after his wife divorced him. Having no place to go, he pitched a tent on his next-door neighbor's lawn.

A tourist from Indiana arrived in West Palm Beach driving a hearse. Anticipating trouble in getting a hotel room, he had put a bed in the hearse for emergency use.

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tion for his promotion from first lieutenant to captain was returned from Washington without action because the records showed he had already made captain on August 17, 1945, the day he left Leghorn, Italy, for return to the States.

★ The Florida Pickle and Vinegar Company, Jacksonville's only pickle manufacturer and now a \$10,000 concern, was started a year ago by Burt D. Wallace, who, as an army private on the verge of discharge from Camp Blanding, had his heart set on two things—marrying his South Dakota sweetheart and staying in Florida. He and his sweetheart were married, pooled their small resources, borrowed a small sum of money on faith, and began business with three barrels and some cucumbers.

★ Two men in a cell at Raiford State penitentiary have offered to make a sacrifice of the kind one seldom hears. Each has offered to give an eye to a World War veteran who has lost his sight.

★ An inmate of the Pinellas County jail at Clearwater, recently sentenced to 30 days on disorderly conduct charge, has made application to Sheriff Tucker for the position of jailer.

★ While Rev. A. L. Meares of Tampa was conducting services at his church, a thief looted his unlocked automobile and escaped with a valuable imported woman's jacket, which Rev. Meares' son had bought in France and brought back for presentation to veterans.

★ M/Sgt. Floyd F. Julian of Miami is the proud possessor of a gold cigarette lighter, a gift from Madame Chiang Kai-shek. Julian, a radio man, was with the crew that transported the Chinese leader to and from America on her last visit.

★ Jacksonville's municipal inspector, J. Ray Permenter, who collects the city's license taxes, has proven he can out-sell a traveling salesman. When a man going from office to office, selling maps of Jacksonville, reached Permenter's office, he not only did not sell a map but was assessed \$50 for an out-of-town peddlers' license.

★ In the future, sneak thieves may have more respect for the law and for men who pass the sentences in St. Augustine. A man, prowling through the St. Augustine city building on George Washington's Birthday, boldly broke into the office of Circuit Court Judge Geo. Wm. Jackson, then made the mistake of sneaking into the headquarters of the Florida Peace Officers

Association where the association's secretary, Police Captain Stuart was sitting at his desk.

★ Dr. C. M. Knight, popular Palatka physician was recently the victim of a strange attack in the office of Glendale Hospital in the middle of the night. Three men, claiming to be ex-service-men from Washington, D. C., went to the hospital about midnight and requested a doctor to attend one of them. Dr. Knight responded to the call and, in an effort to dress the injury, the patient became unruly, then his companions crowded into the office and attacked the physician, who was so badly beaten that 15 stitches had to be taken to close the wounds.

★ A Miami newspaper story of the Ritz Brothers' three-on-a-cot solution to the room shortage there was meant to be funny, but the comedians' Miami Beach hotel received at least 11 calls from people who wanted to rent cots, bed down in the bar, the lobby or a cabana.

★ Returning twice into the swirling smoke of her burning home, after attracting the attention of her neighbors, Mrs. Jennie White Blanco of Tampa was smothered to death in a vain attempt to recover her personal property.

★ One prospective tenant of a Key West house refused to rent the house after looking it over, but not because he didn't like the house. He found jewelry scattered all over the kitchen floor. Upon investigation, it was found that an employee of the adjoining Kress store had been hiding stolen jewelry samples in the house.

★ Returning home shortly before mid-

night, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Callahan of Tampa found the interior of their home a shambles, with mattresses, bed spreads, quilts and sheets slashed into ribbons, contents of drawers and cabinets ripped, torn and strewn about the place and the kitchen resembling the aftermath of a bombing. While every indication pointed to spite work, the Callahans could recall no enemies who might wreak such havoc on them.

★ Sixteen carpenters took a recent day off to pitch in and help replace the home of Mrs. Carrie Mae Simpson of Jacksonville, demolished by a freak tornado. Most of the carpenters were strangers to Mrs. Simpson and her seven children but several said they would be back during spare hours from

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their jobs. Materials have been provided by the Red Cross and others, so it looks as if the Simpson family will soon have a home again.

★ The LeRoy Franklin family, mother, father, and eight children have moved into their new home near Orlando, made possible by friends who learned of their plight through a newspaper story last December when the Franklins lost their belongings in a fire that consumed the house they lived in.

★ A hen owned by Prof. Earl Vance of Florida State College for Women may be out to set some kind of record. The first five eggs produced by the chicken have contained double yolks.

★ It is not his usual practice, but Roscoe A. Mach of Orlando is offering to do business with a thief or thieves. All the eggs in his hen house, including nine wooden nest eggs used to entice the chickens into depositing their product in the nest were stolen one night recently, and nest eggs are hard to get. So he is more than willing to forget the theft of his day's production of fresh eggs if his nest eggs are returned.

★ A man charged with staging a "kangaroo court" in the Jacksonville city jail has been sent to the prison farm to serve out a \$25 fine. As soon as the negro, arrested on a charge of drunkenness and vagrancy landed in the bullpen, he set up a court for new prisoners, charging each with breaking and entering the jail. He'd get 20 or 30 cents—whatever they had on them.

★ Two Jaxons failed to appear in the Federal building for jury duty on a recent morning. About five minutes after the appointed hour, one man puffed into the courtroom and a few minutes later, the second man appeared, also puffing. Their excuse? They went to the Duval County courthouse.

★ President Harry Truman has given C. B. Pinkerton of West Palm Beach the bird—1,000 times—and Mr. Pinkerton is quite delighted. The 1,000 chicks consigned to the president by an unhappy Indiana nurseryman and on which the White House refused to accept delivery were sent, free of charge, to Mr. Pinkerton. Lt. Greely Pinkerton, a merchant marine from New York, was in Washington and, knowing his brother's love for chicken, made the request for the homeless chicks.

★ The Miami dog pound had an unusual guest for a recent weekend—a honey bear. It seems Mrs. S. T. Shaw heard a scratching at her door and, when she opened it, an animal she thought was a cat walked in. Upon closer observation, she found the animal wasn't a cat and she called the police, who decided her guest was a honey bear and asked the dog pound to keep him until his owner appeared.

★ Two macaws owned by Parrot Jungle, South Miami, took off from Winston Churchill's arm while photographs were being made of Churchill

and the macaws. Police were asked for help in finding them.

★ Robert Ripley would have liked to be in the backyard of the Paul J. Monser home in Miami on a recent afternoon. A snake was busy striking at a dog when a rat came out of the woodpile and grabbed the snake by the tail and then a cat came over and tried to chase the rat.

★ When a falling limb killed a mother squirrel, Hans Vige, 15 and Gene Vaden, 16, Jacksonville, adopted the four baby squirrels found in the nest and fed the orphans milk with an eyedropper.

★ The shortage of farm labor isn't ruining the eight-acre citrus grove of 90-year-old Isaac M. (Uncle Isaac) Brandon, pioneer of the Brandon community in east Hillsborough County, for he tends to his trees himself.

★ If you ever get tired living in the present and want to back-track into St. Petersburg's colorful past, just call on William Allen (Uncle Billy) O'Quinn, who grew up with the town. "Uncle Billy" is a bright-eyed little man of 85 years and claims to be the oldest resident of Pinellas County.

★ Although Mrs. Harriet Corby of Tampa is 100 years old, the mother of nine children, and can remember four terrible wars, she expects to be around a good many years yet. She doesn't expect to enjoy them much, however,

because she has had to give up her favorite hobby—fishing.

★ The case of the Ft. Myers man who kicked his grandmother came to trial, but the man who was to be tried didn't appear and forfeited \$50 for assault and using profanity in a public place. He was charged with assaulting his grandmother when she peered into his car on a parking lot.

★ Mrs. Yara Catherine Martinez, 75 of

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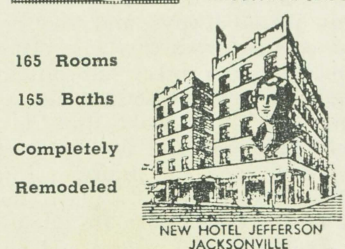
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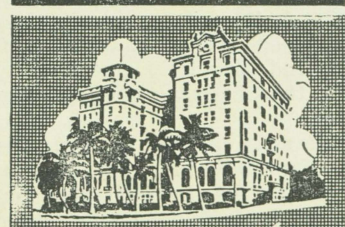


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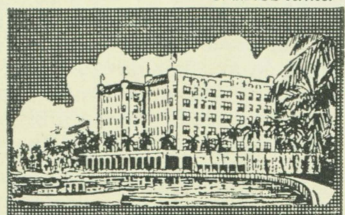
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Tampa died recently, leaving 96 survivors—four sons, six daughters, 32 grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

★ The old man of the church, brooding, silent, who first appeared at the corner before the Immaculate Conception church in Jacksonville at Christmastime is still carrying out the punishment he set for himself. He says prayers for pedestrians passing by and thanks the Lord for his life, and only wishes people would not concern themselves about him.

★ Joe Gleason, 63 of Miami, who works hard all week as a mechanic, was relaxing in his backyard on a recent Sunday afternoon when a hammer fell out of the sky on his head. He was the innocent victim of an incomplete forward pass by a carpenter on some new construction next door.

OLD LEGEND ABOUT PIRATES GIVES INNERARITY POINT ITS NAME

Long, long ago, even before 1800, one bold and daring pirate, by name of Innerarity, playing the game of take with a gang of early pirates operating along the Gulf Coast, decided he could better his worldly status by taking over for himself. He broke with his late fellow partners and cast his lot alone.

It was one of their practices that once a pirate always, and they brooked no departure from this rule. Therefore Innerarity, to protect himself and his ill gotten treasure sought out a place along the Gulf Coast that he could safely hide out and not be found by his late friends, the pirates.

Innerarity knew of a place, the Lost Bay on the Gulf Coast. He knew it was not known by the pirates and he made haste to seek out this hiding place, which we know as Perdido Bay.

Innerarity, slipping into Perdido Bay, found there a tribe of Indians, of large build and very light complexion, close kin to the Choctaws, who inhabited this region.

Innerarity cast his lot with this tribe of Indians, who proved to be good fishermen. He lived well, later marrying one of the Indian squaws and raising a family.

Prosperous and living happily, Innerarity thought he was safe and secure from his late enemies the pirates. His home, located on the extreme end of Innerarity point, was the happy gathering place of these Indian tribes.

When, lo and behold, in the stillness of one dark and dreary night, the pirates in long boats slipped into Perdido Bay. Locating the home of Innerarity,

they murdered the inhabitants, tortured old Innerarity to death, but in the darkness one lone Indian woman, the wife of Innerarity, and one child escaped the pirates and swam across the mouth of Gazon bayou. Walking to the Spanish settlement, she gave the news of the pirates' descent on the happy home of Innerarity.

The story has been passed down from those early days to the present time. Innerarity the pirate, however, is not to be confused with the later respectable Innerarity family of the trading post fame who came to the shores of Pensacola Bay at a later date.

CENTRAL AMERICA IS BUILDING GOOD ROADS

Modern American highway construction methods and equipment are doing much for the roads of Central America according to Charles M. Upham, engineer-director of the American Road Builders' Association who acted as technical observer for the house roads committee and other Federal highway officials inspecting the Pan American Highway "south of the border."

Great changes have taken place in the road building picture here since the Pan American Highway was begun two decades ago. His assignment by Chairman Robinson (Utah) took him over familiar ground, for he had been consulting engineer for the Mexican government on the initial stretch of the International thoroughfare between Laredo, Tex., and Mexico City. Later he acted in the same capacity for other Central American republics.

The officials left New Orleans by boat for Panama on February 18 and proceeded by army plane along the highway from capital to capital, reaching Mexico City March 8.

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HEALTH AND EDUCATION ON 1947 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMS

Public health and education programs designed to attack State welfare problems at the source will be included in Gov. Millard F. Caldwell's legislative recommendations for 1947, the Florida chief executive said at the 44th annual meeting of the Children's Home Society of Florida in Jacksonville.

The governor's water conservation program, which the legislature did not enact during the regular session last year, also will be brought up again. This recommendation will be written into law, he stated, when Floridians reach a "certain degree of intelligence" on State matters.

The governor said he had not determined "at this point" whether his public health and education programs would call for another upward revision of Florida tax schedules such as that passed by the legislature in 1945.

He remarked, however, that dependency in the State now costs \$30,000,000 a year, and that welfare programs are expanding their activities all the time.

It would be a serious error to assume that "our success in meeting welfare problems is gauged by the amount of money we spend or by the number of persons affected," the governor declared.

Latin American Engineers Study U. S. Road Methods

Blasting a two-mile tunnel for a highway right through the Andes to save 40 kilometers on the route between Valparaiso and Santiago, Chile, is among the leading post-war projects of Chile and her sister republics, Ecuador and Bolivia, according to a commission of highway engineers in Washington as the guests of the American Road Builders' Association, the Office of Inter-American Affairs and the Public Roads Administration. Linking Chile's two chief cities with a modern highway is just one indication of the way Latin American countries are attacking their own post-war construction program, they declared in an interview.

The commission is composed of Sr. Oscar Risopatron Berredo, chief engineer in charge of maintenance, and Sr. Ernesto Berrios Waidele, chief engineer in charge of equipment and materials, highway department of Chile; Sr. Luis A. Mino, chief engineer, highway department of Ecuador; and Sr. Jorge Lopez V., chief engineer, public works, city of LaPaz, Bolivia. They will spend the next three months calling on leading manufacturers of construction equipment and studying American construction methods.

Much of the wealth of these South American republics is in mineral deposits and roads are the sole means of delivering the ore, Senor Risopatron pointed out. Development of a

modern highway system is therefore an important factor in a forward-looking national economy, he declared.

Chile's income from gasoline taxes is \$10,000,000 a year and this together with an appropriation of \$1,000,000 a year for the next six years will be spent on highway construction and equipment. Senor Berrios said that at least \$5,000,000 worth of road-making equipment would be purchased in the next five years by Chile alone. At least 40% of this investment will be made within two years.

Sr. Mino added that Ecuador had immediate need of large quantities of road building equipment, tools and machinery and had already appropriated \$2,000,000 for this purchase. It was estimated that some \$5,000,000 worth of road-building equipment would be bought in the United States by these three countries between now and 1947. One of the duties of this mission will be to contact manufacturers of road-building equipment while in the United States.

The improvements on the Casa Blanca highway which connects Valparaiso, Chile's principal seaport, with Santiago in the mountains will involve 147 kilometers and will call for tunnels 9,000 feet long through a 4,000 foot mountain range. The tunnel will save 40 kilometers and will greatly reduce the grade. The road will embody modern features such as are found in leading highways in the United States.

FLORIDA'S WARMEST WINTER

We believe that records will show this winter to have been the warmest in the State's history—certainly we can remember none in our 30 years in Florida that was comparable. It has not only crowded us far beyond capacity with tourists running out of the snow and sleet of the Northern States, but it has also contributed to making this what appears now to be the record-breaking sugar producing year in the industry's history. The sugar house is grinding almost its capacity every day and we are told that the can tonnage will probably run past the million mark this year with a sugar production which may possibly reach 100,000 tons.

We know that the sugar corporation must be very proud of this great production and the rest of us share their pride, particularly now when sugar supplies are so short and the tonnage produced here is desperately needed by Clewiston residents as well as the residents of every other community in the country.—Clewiston News.

Here's one that appeared in a Kentucky newspaper, the last letter in "gale" failing to respond and making comedy out of disaster, thus: "A heavy gal raged furiously here on Wednesday last, overthrowing several trees and blowing the roof off of Mayor Jones' barn."

LOCAL BANYAN FANS JEER EAST COAST'S BIG 'SHRUB'

Local arboriculturists, tree-lovers to you, were up in arms recently over a report in State papers that West Palm Beach is the possessor of the world's largest banyan tree. Viewing with alarm the unequivocal statement from the East Coast city that it possessed the largest tree of its genus, "exceeded in size only by a tree in Honolulu and the banyans of India," local students of fauna and, particularly, flora, pointed with pride to the banyan growing on the courthouse grounds.

"This West Palm Beach banyan is a mere sapling," declared one unnamed arboriculturist as he puffed his pipe beneath Fort Myers' pride. "From the picture given it could not be over 40 feet around the trunk while our own champion is 64 feet at the base. These East Coast people claim their offering is 60 feet around the trunk and has a 160 foot spread. Ours may not spread as far but it has been measured at 150 feet unofficially."

A moot point lies in the question of just where a banyan should be measured. If the Fort Myers giant is measured at the root level it will far exceed 64 feet. At mid-trunk it might fall below that mark but if the measuring is done a few feet further up at the point where the roots begin to descend again from the branches, and a point which will eventually be part of the trunk, then the local tree could easily pass 90 feet.

Another point stressed by local tree experts was that the West Coast shrub, as they call it, has admittedly been repressed by being crowded in between a filling station and a junk pile with the roots covered by concrete. Such repression, they declare, could not possibly result in a championship tree. The whole question arose, incidentally, when Baron Robert de Rothschild wrote the governor, the mayor, and a State senator protesting such treatment of an arboreal giant which "would in France be under the protection of the town."

'DIDN'T SEE A THING', BLONDE TELLS HIZZONER

They probably won't call her as a witness when the case comes up for hearing again on March 15.

She was with a young sailor, whose car figured in a minor collision involving two other vehicles.

After hearing three different versions of the accident from three drivers, Municipal Judge Charles Miller asked if there were any witnesses. The sailor said he had a girl with him and she was in the court room.

"Bring her up," said his honor. "Let's hear what she has to say."

The young blonde approached the bench.

"Tell us what you know about this," instructed the judge.

"I had my arm around him and my eyes were closed," replied the young lady. "I didn't see a thing."

COUNTY ACTIVITIES

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Rex Sweat and will be assigned to the Duval County traffic departments, the board of county commissioners has been advised.

■ Proposals are being directed to the Escambia board of county commissioners for the remodeling of the court of record building. Preliminary plans submitted by Yonge and Hart, architects, are under consideration.

■ Each of the four governmental units comprising Sarasota-Manatee County joint airport authority has agreed to finance the first year operations at the flying field. Members of the authority's executive committee are studying the qualifications of six applications for the job of permanent manager.

■ Members of the Orange County board of commissioners have been asked to see if a method can be worked out whereby a nurse will be available to provide first aid in each of the county schools. Mrs. Walter Akerman, a leader in school public health work, appeared before the board to call attention to the fact that nurses are not now on call at the public schools in the county and that children injured during the day could not receive first aid treatment until they were carried to the county physician's office.

■ County Commissioner Preston B. Bird recently was a guest speaker at the Redland District Lions Club regarding Dade County commission's efforts to provide disposal sites for garbage. A Lions Club committee had presented a formal protest to the county commission regarding the disposal of garbage throughout the area.

■ Palm Beach County commission has authorized the county engineer to purchase, if possible, a motion picture projector for use of the county agricultural agent's office in Belle Glade.

■ Broward County commission has received a check for \$4,116 from the U. S. district court for county road rights-of-way condemned to permit the erection of a Naval Air Station. The county has been seeking reimbursement for the lands for more than three years.

■ Escambia County commissioner have directed the advertising for bids for an elevator to be installed in the court of record building. The board has asked for bids on three types of repair work on the courthouse.

■ Duval board of county commissioners has instructed its attorney, J. Henry Blount, "to take a vigorous part" in the recently filed injunction suit challenging the constitutionality of the Duval County civil service law.

The injunction suit asks the court to halt all payments for expenses connected with the Civil Service Board and seeks to declare unconstitutional the legislative act creating the board.

■ Commencing March 1, Palm Beach County will pay an increase of \$3 per day for each of its hospital patients under an agreement with the hospital board, which has been approved by the county commission.

■ Leon County commissioners are continuing their efforts to acquire the remaining needed rights-of-way for the new Tallahassee to Quincy highway—construction of which is scheduled to begin shortly after June 1 and to cost \$193,000.

■ Sanitarium needs of Dade County were to be reviewed late in February by Dr. R. D. Thompson, superintendent of the Florida Tuberculosis Sanitarium. Dr. Thompson was scheduled to address members of the Dade County Federation of Social Workers and was to discuss legislation providing for new sanatoria in the State.

■ By virtue of a zoning restriction adopted by the Martin County board of commissioners, exclusive Jupiter Island on Hobe Sound will remain just that, exclusive.

■ Brevard County commissioners serving as members of the Mosquito Control Board have decided to give further and more intensive cooperation with the navy mosquito control

program. The board has just about completed arrangements for the independent spraying of the marshes and in this combined program it is expected that all salt marsh breeding areas in Brevard County will be thoroughly covered.

■ Volusia County expects to be forced to redistrict under the decision rendered by the supreme court in an action from Palm Beach County. The move, however, cannot be made in time for the coming spring primaries according to the commission.

■ J. A. Brown, Army veteran of 19 months' duty has been appointed service officer for Martin County by the board of county commissioners.

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WATER CONSERVATION

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most half of peninsular Florida and both it and the St. Johns basin are more than 200 miles in length.

Turning now to north and west Florida, we observe that the Apalachicola River, discharging through West Florida into the bay which bears its name, drains an area in the States of Georgia and Alabama many times larger than the area which it drains and through which it discharges in Florida. This great basin extends northward almost to North Carolina and the total area drained in Georgia and Alabama is larger than that of any drainage basin completely enclosed within the borders of Florida. Both the Escambia and the Choctawhatchee basins include a greater drainage area in Alabama than in Florida.

Important storage for surface water is provided by thousands of lakes that dot the peninsula. The largest of these, Lake Okeechobee, is about 35 miles in diameter and has a submerged area of from 578 to 730 square miles, depending upon water depth. Lake levels are maintained between 14 and 17 feet, Lake Okeechobee datum, which corresponds to from 12.6 to 15.6 feet above mean sea level. Due to the fact that the peninsula of Florida is in general an area of low relief, it does not lend itself readily to the construction of large surface reservoirs and to date little use has been made of such storage. A recently announced project of the State Chamber of Commerce to encourage the construction of such storage reservoirs, particularly in those areas possessing few natural lakes, has great merit.

Familiarity with ground water problems in any area presupposes some knowledge of the geographical formations or aquifers in which they occur and through which they flow. Florida occupies only a part of a much larger geographic unit, the Florida Plateau. This partly submerged platform which separates the deep waters of the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico is approximately 500 miles long and 250-400 miles wide. It consists of a core of deeply buried metamorphic rocks overlaid by about 4,000 feet of sedimentary rocks, chiefly limestones. It has been in existence for many millions of years during which it has been alternately dry land or covered by shallow seas.

The upper series of rocks, down to a depth of perhaps 2,000 feet, are fairly well known since they have been penetrated by thousands of wells. The oldest of these limestone formations that crops out is the Ocala, of late Eocene age, so named because it is exposed at the surface in and around Ocala, in Marion County. It lies at or above sea level in the western half of peninsula Florida in an area extending from Suwannee and Lafayette Counties on the north to Hernando

County on the south. For the purpose of this discussion, therefore, the Florida peninsula may be looked upon as a great limestone dome whose peak lies in the area just outlined and which slopes downward toward the northwest, toward the northeast, and toward the south.

Wells will penetrate the formation at a depth of approximately 500 feet below sea level at Tallahassee, at Jacksonville, and just north of the north shore of Lake Okeechobee. At Miami it is approximately 1,500 feet below sea level. It has a thickness of several hundred feet and probably yields more ground water from wells which penetrate it than any other formation in Florida. It is overlain throughout by younger formations, some of which are themselves prolific aquifers.

If observations are made of the height to which water will rise in cased wells penetrating the Ocala formation and lines drawn on a map through points where these values are the same, there is obtained a piezometric map showing with considerable accuracy the top of the water surface throughout the formation. Inspection of such a map reveals information of greatest value in any study of ground water problems in Florida.

For example, within a small area in

Polk County between Lakeland and Haines City, water will rise in cased wells penetrating the formation to a height of 120 feet above sea level. This is the so-called "southern piezometric high." The levels slope downward from this area fairly regularly in all directions. This area then represents a typical area of recharge within which

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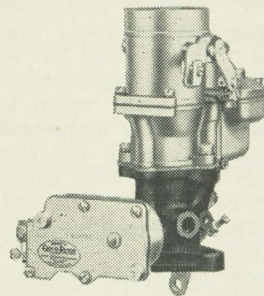
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charge, flowing wells cease to flow and the water must be pumped from depths which become progressively greater as use increases, or recharge decreases.

It is of the greatest importance to note that these great natural equilibria, which have been thousands or even millions of years in the making, may be seriously and dangerously unbalanced within the span of a lifetime. Artesian wells in Nassau County which originally flowed under a head of about 55 feet must now be pumped from depths exceeding 100 feet. The construction of the great drainage canals in the Everglades has brought about fundamental and far-reaching changes the full import of which has probably not as yet been fully realized. Many other examples could be cited but these two will suffice and are typical of what may be expected to occur when the great balance of nature is disturbed.

The hopeful side of the picture lies in the fact that if these natural equilibria can be changed, they can be controlled. Such control is not as a rule simple, since a number of different factors are involved, some of which may be fairly constant and others of which may be highly variable. A detailed discussion of these various factors is outside the scope of this paper, but in order to indicate the involved nature of the problem, a few of the most important will be considered in Part II.

Editor's Note: This discussion of Water Conservation in Florida is presented in two parts. Part II will appear in the May 1946 issue.

THEY'VE SMARTED UP

Wives used to serve hot biscuits at every meal—and fried chicken for breakfast on Sundays. Now you're lucky if they remember to get a loaf of bread at the store, and chances are that Sunday morning breakfast will be a mess of sawdust cereal and a cuppa coffee, and you may have to fix that yourself.

They used to get up with the birds, chop wood, start the fire under the pot in the back yard and do a family's week's washing in one day, ironing it all before noon next day. Now they sit around and blame the laundry why the dirty clothes pile up chin high.

They used to make all the clothing for a whole family, including dresses and pants and shirts for a flock that might run from six to ten kids, and they also had an eagle eye out for any patches in Pa's pants or shirts, not to mention making their own house and party dresses. Now they sit around and holler at the dry goods merchants and the mail order houses because the dratted OPA makes it hard to buy just what they want just when they want it.

They used to make a year's supply of laundry soap and store it away. Now they sit close to the radio listening to the latest soap opera and bemoaning

the fact they don't have any Supersuds or Chipso to wash the dishes—or may-be only a package or two.

They used to make bang up country dinners on old-fashioned wood stoves, and have plenty time out for social calling. Now it tires them out to take a meal out of a can and warm it on an electric stove.

They used to have one a year following the old dictum of being fruitful and populating the earth, and thought nothing of it—but now they have one or two in a lifetime and some have none, while those who do have a couple act like they have really contributed to the human race.

On top of all this, they used to raise a couple of hundred chickens as a sideline for pin money, milk a cow, and grow a home garden while Pa did the serious business of plowing—and they seemed to have plenty of time to sit on the porch in the afternoon in rockers and sew and gossip. Now if one exerts herself to cultivate some geraniums she has to take a couple hours rest from her "gardening."

What's the matter with women? The answer, of course, is: "Nothing. They're wonderful. But, my, how they have smartened up."—Stuart News.

SCHOOLS AND PRISONS

Two developments in Tallahassee indicate that things are humming in the improvement of two of the State's basic social institutions. The Citizens Committee on Education, which did so much to prepare the excellent school program enacted by the 1945 legislature, is about to conduct a survey of administrative problems in the State's institutions of higher learning, aimed particularly at recommendations on coeducation, the establishment of medical

and dental schools, and the possibility of bringing the junior colleges within the State's system.

At the same time comes the announcement that Edgar M. Gerlach, Federal prison expert who has been examining the State prison system at the request of Governor Caldwell, has nearly finished his work, that he will have presented his report during the last week of February, and that Director James V. Bennett of the Federal Bureau of Prisons will confer with Mr. Caldwell on the findings.

It is plain that the 1947 legislature will not lack for clear proposals on the improvement of the State's schools and prisons.

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surface water finds its way into the formation and flows downward through the formation along its slope.

Another large high, the so-called "northern piezometric high" extends in a broad band from just north of Palatka in Putnam County through Bradford and Baker Counties to the Georgia line. Smaller sub-highs are located near DeLand in Volusia County, near Brooksville in Hernando County, near Dunnellon in Marion County, and just south of Madison in Madison County.

Since water, whether on the surface or below it, "always flows down hill," a well-charted piezometric map affords invaluable information with respect to the direction of underground water flow. Such information is available for most of the Florida peninsula and the data may be used with a considerable degree of certainty. They show, for example, that surface water recharged into the southern high in Polk County may be recovered under considerable artesian head along the lower East Coast of Florida as far south as Miami and also along the West Coast from Tampa southward to Fort Myers.

They likewise show that water recharged into the northern high in Bradford and Baker Counties may be recovered under even higher artesian head from the municipal wells supplying Jacksonville. And, since the northern and southern piezometric highs are separated by a "saddle" or belt of low pressures, the conclusion may be drawn with a considerable degree of certainty that the ground waters of the lower half of the peninsula receive little or no recharge from the northern portion of the peninsula.

Flowing wells may be obtained within a fairly narrow strip extending from Fernandina down the East Coast and widening below Melbourne to include most of the Everglades. A similar but narrow strip extends up the lower West Coast from Sarasota to Hernando County. Artesian wells may be developed at other scattered areas where the ground surface is lower than the head of water developed in the well.

The northern high extends into central Georgia and it is considered certain that a considerable portion of the underground water throughout north and northwest Florida is recharged in Georgia.

Though we speak of surface water as that derived from lakes or streams and ground water as that derived from wells, it must be pointed out that they do not constitute separate and independent sources of supply, such that water can be withdrawn from one without affecting the other. The source of all surface and ground water is the

rain that falls upon the land. A portion of the rain runs off directly into the streams, this being the more variable part of the stream flow.

Another portion, entering and percolating downward through the soil and rocks, joins the water table and starts moving slowly and continuously toward a lower level, which may be the bank of a stream the flow of which it helps to maintain. This water constitutes the more regular and stable portion of the flow of the stream. The flow of many of Florida's larger rivers is made up in large part of intercepted ground water during the dry season.

Florida is unique in that it possesses numerous springs which deliver enormous quantities of ground water under artesian pressure to its contiguous streams. At least twenty-seven are known whose measured flow exceeds 20 second-feet or approximately 12 million gallons per 24 hours. The average daily flow of the largest, Silver Springs, located near Ocala in Marion County, is 808 second-feet, or about 500 million gallons per 24 hours, which exceeds by five times the total consumption of all Florida cities and towns, large and small, for municipal water supply. It is interesting to note in passing that it is dissolving and removing from the formations through which it passes solid matter in solution, largely calcium bicarbonate, at the astounding rate of 600 tons per day.

Under natural conditions a balance or equilibrium becomes established between infiltration into a ground water reservoir and a point of outflow, between areas of recharge and areas of discharge. A water table becomes established and its slope and elevation varies only with seasonal or cyclic changes in rainfall. When water is pumped from underground reservoirs

or flows from deep-seated aquifers under artesian head, adjustments between draft and outflow take place.

The water table or hydrostatic head, as the case may be, is lowered first locally in the vicinity of the wells, then levels off and in time the flow is ultimately reduced. If water production or developed use exceeds average re-

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field have largely been confined to assisting municipalities to acquire Army and Navy airports, answering inquiries about aviation development in Florida, et cetera. The Commission has offered the position to Colonel A. B. McMullen, former State Aviation Director (in the Road Department), but at the end of the period Colonel McMullen had not yet definitely accepted or rejected. In the event Colonel McMullen is unable to accept, one of the some twelve applicants for the position will be selected early in March and a broad aviation development program will be worked out.

Surplus Property

Because of the complexity of the federal law and regulations involved and the potential savings to Florida governments from the huge volume of property available, work in surplus property has required a considerable proportion of the time of the Commission's staff. Much of it has been routine, much of it spot handling of special situations, operations which are difficult to summarize in a short report. Some of the more notable activities are recounted below:

Surplus Personal Property. The Commission has processed applications and lists of needs and certified to the appropriate disposal agency, the following:

Type of Agency	Certified This Prevs'ly Period	Total
State departments and institutions	33 5	38
Counties	25 3	28
County School Boards	27 3	30
Municipalities	40 11	51
Non-Profit Institutions	15	15

The Commission was named by Governor Caldwell in January to be the official State Educational Agency for Surplus Property required by federal regulations to certify and otherwise assist educational institutions to obtain the priorities and discounts granted them under the Surplus Property Act.

In addition to a heavy volume of routine work a considerable number of special situations were handled by the Commission in this field, two or three of the more notable being:

School boards, municipalities and state agencies were kept advised of sales at eight different post exchanges, permitting these agencies to obtain a quantity of scarce equipment.

The Commission's operations in surplus property are expected to result in substantial savings in connection with the state building program. (See below). For example, application was

filed during the period for the purchase of a complete surplus cafeteria for use by the Florida A. & M. College in the remodeling and enlarging of its kitchen and dining room facilities, with an anticipated saving of some \$10,000. Upon recommendation of the Commission, work on an enlargement of the Deaf and Blind School's refrigeration and servicing building will not be done until the Commission has attempted to obtain the necessary equipment from Federal surplus.

Army Tool Donation Program. The Commission has done considerable work on the Army tool donation program, assisting local and State institutions to find desirable equipment at Marianna, Gordon Johnston, Macon, Jacksonville, Atlanta, Fort Myers, Tallahassee, Mobile, et cetera. The Commission drafted the bulletins used by the State Department of Education in outlining the program of county schools. A number of applications for donation were processed.

Surplus Real Property. During the period, the Commission continued negotiations with the several Federal agencies for aquisition by the State of Dorr and Carlstrom Fields, Arcadia, and assisted the Florida State Tuber-

culosis Board in negotiations for acquisition of the hospital areas at Marianna Army Air Base and Drew Field. A conference of the interested Federal and State agencies was called at Tallahassee in January, and the Director ac-

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accompanied the Federal officials on a tour of inspection to these sites.

The Commission assisted the University of Florida in inspecting and obtaining one hundred family housing units transferred from Panama City to the University of Florida campus for veterans use, and also assisted in arranging for use of the Alachua Air Base by the University.

Assistance was rendered the cities of Jacksonville, Tampa, Marianna, Sanford, Melbourne, and Daytona Beach in their negotiations for the acquisition of surplus industrial and airport properties.

Inspections were made by the Commission of a number of other surplus facilities for possible use by the State.

State Building Program

An ever-increasing amount of time and work is being devoted to the State Building Program. As the general planning agency for the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions, the Improvement Commission has reviewed and secured approval, by the end of the period, of some \$5,411,026 in State building. Some of this is being supervised directly by the Commission staff, some receives only review of need and adequacy, depending upon whether the individual State agency concerned has sufficient technical staff to insure adequacy of planning and competence in construction. The proposed projects of every State agency and institution have been reviewed in some detail, however, and a tentative order of priority set up. The total program envisions some \$22,000,000 of construction within the next four years. This program is subject to continuous revision as the State's needs and circumstances change.

The Commission has direct responsibility for planning the State Capitol Center in Tallahassee. The over-all plan is being prepared by Mr. A. D. Taylor, landscape architect and city planner of Cleveland, Ohio. The Commission supervises construction of the South Wing of the Capitol and has played the major role in planning for the new Supreme Court Building and the new buildings for the State Road Department and Industrial Commission, construction of which it will also supervise.

The Commission continues to provide direct supervision of the repair program at the Florida Farm Colony, Gainesville. A detailed repair program for the Industrial School for Girls, Ocala, was also prepared, but has been held in abeyance pending a decision by the Cabinet as to the establishment of an entirely new Women's Correctional Institution in Marion County. Such an institution has been recommended by the Federal Bureau of Prisons following a survey of the State's penal system. The Commission has worked closely with the Federal authorities and has prepared a preliminary over-all plan for the combined institution.

The Commission will assume respon-

sibility for planning of permanent buildings at State Prison Farm No. 2, Belle Glade; on which some preliminary work has already been done. The Commission's architect, following an inspection there, has agreed to revise and complete plans and specifications for a new infirmary at the State Hospital.

Preliminary inspections have now been made of almost all State institutions and work continues on preparation of master plans.

Proposals for Financing

Turnbull Memorial Bridge, Volusia County. Robert L. Riggs and Associates, Consulting Engineers of Daytona Beach, Florida, Tampa, Florida, and Atlanta, Georgia, transmitted to the Commission by letter dated November 17, 1945, a preliminary write-up of a proposed bridge across the Halifax River and East Coast Canal, at approximately the site of Nordsman's Point on the west side of the river. Some further correspondence ensued, with Mr. Riggs providing the Commission with a schedule of proposed tolls and a draft of a proposed franchise to be granted by the State Road Department and the Board of County Commissioners of Volusia County. Mr. Riggs appeared before the meeting of the Commission in Tallahassee on January 23, 1946. The minutes of the

meeting covering his appearance are as follows:

"Mr. Robert L. Riggs of Daytona Beach appeared before the Commission to request their assistance in financing the construction of Turnbull Memorial Bridge in Volusia County. After outlining the matter and the details of construction, et cetera, Mr. Riggs was advised by the Chairman to take the matter up with the County Commissioners of Volusia County

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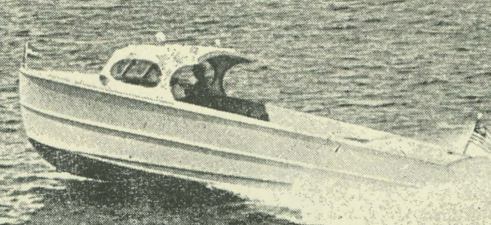
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and the State Road Department, whose formal approval and recommendation would be required by the Commission before they could consider the project."

The Commission has had no further communication on the matter.

State Road Rights of Way. Palm Beach County. The Commission at its meeting on January 23, 1946, was advised by Mr. R. W. Ervin, Jr., Attorney for the State Road Department, of the need for assistance by Palm Beach and Broward Counties in financing the purchase of rights-of-way for the improvement of State Road No. 4, and was formally presented with a copy of a resolution passed by the State Road Department on January 21, 1946, requesting the Commission to render financial assistance to the counties. The matter was further discussed by Mr. Henry A. Johnston, Attorney for Palm Beach County, and Mr. A. B. Poston, County Commissioner for Palm Beach County. The Commission adopted a resolution, as follows:

"BE IT RESOLVED: That it is the policy of this Commission to co-operate with Palm Beach and Broward Counties in acquiring rights-of-way for State Road No. 4 by the issue of its revenue certificates, said rights-of-way to be then leased to the State Road Department. Provided, the counties formulate and adopt a plan, to be approved by this Commission, which will legally bind the counties to make adequate provision for the liquidation and payment of the certificates, including the expenses of the Commission in connection with the same."

Further correspondence ensued, the Commission receiving a copy of a resolution passed January 28, 1946, by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, requesting the Commission to issue \$175,000 in revenue certificates to be retired from the county's share of so-called surplus gasoline tax. The Commission later received, however, a letter dated February 14, 1946, from Mr. Henry A. Johnston, County Attorney, advising that "there have been some modifications made in right-of-way requirements on State Road No. 4 in this county which will substantially reduce the amount of money necessary to acquire the right-of-way and accordingly the Board of County Commissioners has instructed me to hold in abeyance all negotiations towards receiving funds through your Commission."

No request has been received from Broward County.

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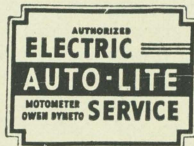
AN OVERWORKED BOARD

At the February 21 meeting of the State cabinet, where problems of administering the newly acquired Ringing Museum came up for discussion, Governor Caldwell pointed out that the museum was one more job for the already overworked State Board of Control, and suggested that the legislature, which put the museum problems in the board's lap back in 1943, might do well to take it out again and create a separate agency.

At the latest listing the following institutions were under the board's jurisdiction: The State University at Gainesville, the State College for

Women at Tallahassee, the Agricultural and Mechanical College for Negroes at Tallahassee, the Agricultural Experiment Station at Gainesville, and the State School for the Deaf and the Blind at St. Augustine. Most of these schools are in for considerable overhauling in the coming years, and the board will have its hands full with them. Museum problems are considerably different from school problems. The legislature might well heed the governor's suggestion.

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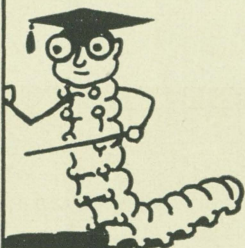
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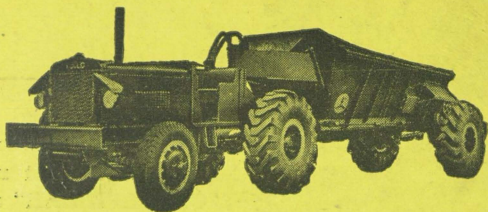


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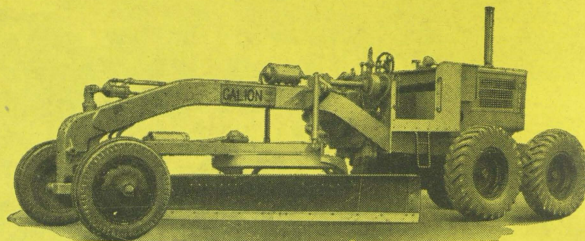
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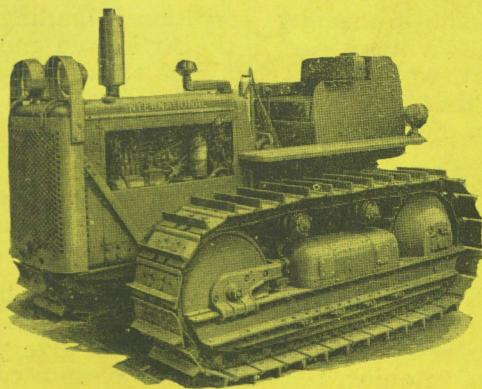
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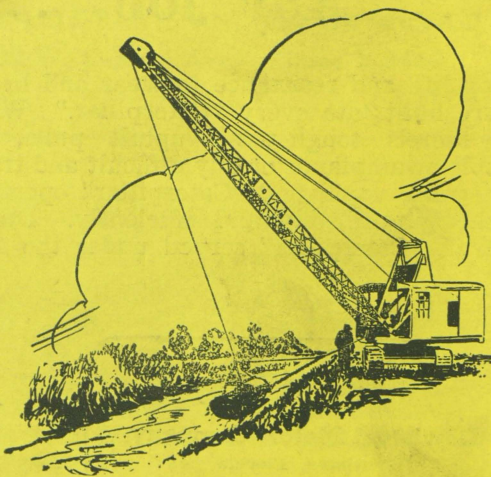
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